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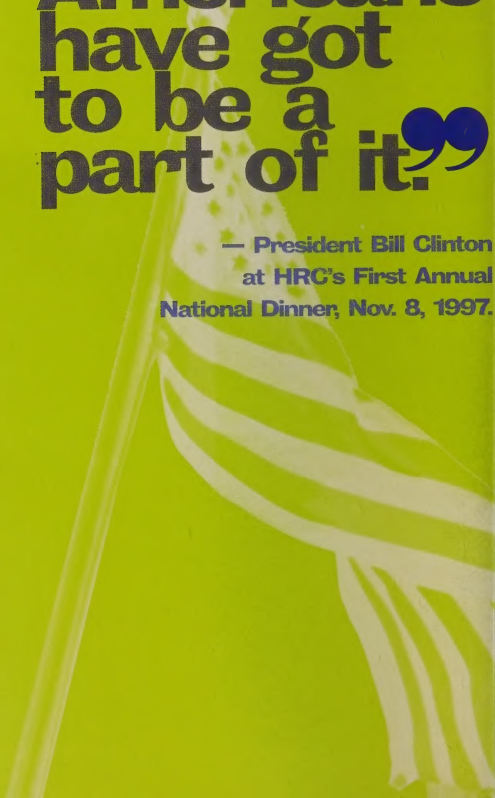
The Lesbian and Gay Political Convention

September 17-20, 1998



**“If we’re
ever going
to build
one
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then all
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part of it.”**

— President Bill Clinton
at HRC’s First Annual
National Dinner, Nov. 8, 1997.



The ideals of our leaders tell the story of the American people one chapter at a time. The next chapter of history is being written right now, vote by vote.

Join us in September for OutVote '98 when people from across the country will gather to discuss issues facing the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and to learn strategies that will help engage fair-minded Americans.

Together we will write a new chapter of history — a chapter about fairness and equality for all Americans.



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Thursday, Sept. 17

Lobby visits

Arrive in D.C. the day before the convention begins to meet your congressional leaders and address their support of important issues facing our community.

Welcome Reception

Join us at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel to meet fellow convention participants, mingle with candidates and reacquaint yourself with old friends as we all gear up for a powerful weekend of organizing and learning.

Workshop Sessions

Activist Track

Learn how to affect change while dealing with a wide a range of issues facing our community.

- Faith & Fairness: Mobilizing the Church
- Organizing in Communities of Color
- Lobbying 101
- State-Level Issues and Strategies
- Legal Workshop: The Differences Among 501c (3), 501c (4) and PACs
- Federal Issues Update and Strategy
- Winning and Keeping the Freedom to Marry: Affirmative and Defensive Strategies

Workplace Track

Zero in on the skills and information necessary to help build equality in your place of employment.

- Sexual Orientation, the Workplace and the Law
- Strategies for Winning Domestic Partner Benefits
- Post-Domestic Partner Benefits: Where Do GLBT Employee Groups Go from Here?
- Breaking Through the Lavender Ceiling: Can You Be Openly Gay and Still Make VP?

Friday, Sept. 18

Opening Plenary

This session will kick off the convention with a welcome from HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch and motivating keynotes from prominent supporters of our community.

Workshop Sessions

Choose from the workshops listed below in any combination to develop and strengthen skills you will use in the field. The workshops are conveniently broken into four convention tracks to help focus your attention in a particular area. If you complete three workshops in any single track you will receive a certificate in the mail acknowledging your achievement in that area.

Afternoon Plenary

This mid-convention session will bring all convention participants together to specifically address campaign '98 and introduce you to key congressional candidates in this important election cycle.

Comedy Night

Get your ticket at the door for a hysterical evening with some of our community's best comedians. *This event is not included with your registration fee.*

Youth Track

Take organizing skills back to your campus and community.

- Planning, Executing and Getting the Most from National Coming Out Day
- The Young and the Restless: The Role of Young Activists in Political Campaigns
- Organizing on Campus and Dealing with Real-Life Political Issues
- From Apathy to Activism: Building and Maintaining Your Campus or Community Organization

Saturday, Sept. 19

Workshop sessions continue.

Closing Session

All participants will come together one more time for a rally that will knock your socks off. You'll hear speeches from some of the most relevant and inspirational personalities in the civil rights movement. This session will energize you for the work that will help elect a fair-minded Congress in this critical election cycle and beyond.

HRC's Second Annual National Dinner

We made history in 1997 when President Clinton became the first sitting president to address a gay civil rights group. Make your arrangements early to attend this year's dinner so you don't miss out. Dr. Maya Angelou will keynote and the first National Family Civil Rights Award will be presented to Melissa Etheridge and her partner, Julie Cypher. *Dinner tickets are an additional charge and are not included in the standard OutVote '98 registration fee.*

Candidate/Electoral Track

Learn the fundamentals of working in a campaign.

- Creating a Winning Message for Your Campaign
- Out at the Polls
- Out in Campaigns

Universal Electives

- Public Presentations/Speechmaking
- Media Training — How, When and Why to Talk to the Media
- Framing the Issues: Family Issues — How Do We Talk About Them
- Update on Gay & Lesbian Legal Issues and Legislation

Sunday, Sept. 20

Interfaith Service

Join us as we end the weekend celebrating a tapestry of faiths representing the diversity of our community's rich spiritual tradition.

OutVote '98 Registration Fees

Early registration (Before 8/1/98)	\$105
Registration after 8/1/98	\$135
On-site registration	\$150

OutVote '98 + National Dinner

Early registration (Before 8/1/98)	\$299
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National Dinner

\$250

For Tickets

Call Box Office Tickets at 800/494-TIXS

For Travel Arrangements

Call Travel-On at 800/333-1225
(reference acct. 410)

For More Information

Call Michael Grantham at 202/628-4160

Your additional contribution to the OutVote '98 scholarship fund will help student activists attend the conference at a reduced price.

As the official travel agent of OutVote '98, Travel-On will make a contribution to HRC for each ticket booked using their services.

American Airlines is the official airline of HRC.

The Second Annual Human Rights Campaign

National Dinner

Saturday, Sept. 19, 1998

On Nov. 8, 1997, the world watched as Bill Clinton made history as the first sitting U.S. president to participate in a gay civil rights event by speaking at the Human Rights Campaign's First Annual National Dinner. This year's event promises to be equally exciting. Join us and be a part of history.



With keynote speaker **Maya Angelou** — poet, educator, historian, best-selling author, actress, playwright and civil rights activist.



And National Family Civil Rights Award recipients **Melissa Etheridge** and her partner, **Julie Cypher**.

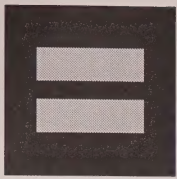
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FROM THE FIELD

A Quarterly Report to the
Human Rights Campaign's Action Network

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POSTCARDS FROM THE FRONT

**Donna Red Wing
National Field Director**

Action Agents

As a member of the Human Rights Campaign and our Action Network, you have joined thousands of fair-minded Americans who engage in the grassroots activism that helps to make HRC a powerful player in Washington and across the country. I want to thank you for all of the work you have done. And, I want to challenge you to continue that work as we approach an important election in November. Please call your HRC field organizer if you would like to get more involved during this election cycle. From anti-gay marriage initiatives in Alaska and Hawaii to crucial Congressional campaigns, you can make a difference!

Response to Anti-Gay Ad Campaign

Millions of Americans saw the anti-gay ad campaign launched by a coalition of right-wing groups -- the latest in a series of attacks directed against the GLBT community. Full-page ads appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, USA Today, and the Miami Herald. Earlier, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott kicked off a wave of anti-gay rhetoric when he said that homosexuality was a sin and likened gays to alcoholics and kleptomaniacs. Senator Don Nickles, R-Okla., Rep Dick Armey, R-Texas, and Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. also made disparaging remarks. HRC, with a coalition of organizations, answered with a full page ad in USA Today and the New York Times. The powerful ad highlights a Minneapolis family which loves and supports their lesbian daughter. The family appeals to the American people to treat their daughter with dignity and respect so that she can live her life free of discrimination. If you have not seen the ads, please call Bev Jones at 202.216.1557 for a photocopy.

Anti-Gay Amendment

The Hefley amendment, which seeks to overturn President Clinton's May 28 executive order banning workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation within the federal government, will not be offered

to the Treasury-Postal appropriations bill. Treasury-Postal is chaired by openly gay Republican Jim Kolbe. Instead, the amendment may be offered to the Commerce, Justice, State appropriations bill. Call your representatives to let them know that this amendment is wrong and that it legalizes discrimination in the workplace.

Happy Trails

Becky Dinwoodie, HRC's Field Organizer for the western states, has taken a new position as Field Organizer with the ACLU. While we will certainly miss Becky, we wish her well in her new appointment. Becky is the quintessential organizer, understanding and respecting the worth and the power of each grassroots organizer and activist. We will miss her commitment to the work and to the people she has worked with!

Thom Kincheloe, North/Northeast Field Organizer, will move into the western region. Thom is a San Francisco native who has made his home in Portland, OR for many years. Thom is a graduate of the University of Idaho, Moscow with degrees in journalism and public relations. Until a new organizer is hired for the North/Northeast, Thom will maintain both regions. He can be reached at 202.216.1504. His e-mail address is thom.kincheloe@hrc.org.

WANTED

Congressional District Coordinators are needed in targeted congressional districts. If you are a member of the Human Rights Campaign and our Action Network, you may want to consider becoming a Congressional District Coordinator. CDCs help to organize and mobilize the Action Agents in their district. They help to facilitate in-district lobby visits and act as our grassroots leadership in the field. The CDCs are essential to our district-by-district national organizing activities. Please call Donna Red Wing at 202.216.1541, if you are interested in exploring participation in this crucial volunteer position.

Field Operations 1997 - 1998

"It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Robert F. Kennedy, South Africa, 1966

NCOP TURNS 10!

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the first National Coming Out Day in 1988! Since you only turn ten once, we are extra busy this year preparing for the festivities surrounding October 11. The Human Rights Campaign Foundation and the National Coming Out Project will be celebrating National Coming Out Day in San Francisco, beginning with the San Francisco HRC dinner October 10, followed by a non-denominational service on Sunday morning and a star-studded birthday party later that day. We will honor all of those who have made NCOD a success over the years.

While much has happened over the last decade, one thing has not—we cannot achieve equality from the closet. Coming out is still the most powerful thing we can do to turn ignorance into understanding—not only are you empowering yourself, but you are helping to educate those around you and enabling them to become "straight but not narrow." Living our lives openly and honestly is a powerful way to counter those who blindly believe that we are somehow "broken" and need to be "fixed."

The aim of National Coming Out Day specifically and the National Coming Out Project in general is to encourage queer and queer supportive people to come out, be visible, and educate those around them. We accomplish this goal by coordinating NCOD events in all fifty states, providing coming out resources including the Resource Guide to Coming Out (also available in Spanish), conducting educational and outreach campaigns in the media, and acting as a resource for all people at various stages of coming out.

Those who terrorize us with hate crimes and those who claim to offer change or "a way out" want the same thing—for us to return to the closet. We will not go back! The queer and questioning youth of America need to see us living out, open and proud lives, not just celebrities and entertainers but local heroes, too. It is believed that if every queer or queer friendly person were to come out today we would most likely have our rights tomorrow. While that is an unlikely occurrence, there is truth in that vision—every closet door opened, every myth revealed, every non-gay voice of support moves us forward.

NCOD themed print, video and radio public service announcements are available upon request (and availability). Do not hesitate to call the NCOP line (1-800-866-6263) for more information, copies of the resource guide, or official Keith Haring NCOD merchandise. The resource guide is currently being translated into Spanish with a forward by Latina journalist and talk show host Cristina Seralegui. The finished version should be available sometime in September, along with other NCOD items.

STRENGTHENING THE GRASSROOTS

The Action Network is comprised of more than 7000 HRC members who have committed to take action at the grassroots level by writing letters, making phone calls, and volunteering at Pride and on electoral campaigns. The Action Network creates a strong local HRC presence in congressional districts.

HRC has conducted seven Action Weeks around the country which were planned, promoted and administered in partnership with state organizations. HRC provided participants with the tools and information they needed to achieve legislative and electoral goals through grassroots pressure. The Field Department offers skills-building "Tool Kits" to training participants, as well as to the numerous campus and community activists who contact HRC for advice about organizing.

State Coordinators manage Congressional District Coordinators (CDCs) in their state, providing training, resources and support to those volunteers. CDCs coordinate lobby visits, develop relationships with congressional offices, and act as an HRC liaison to local and state partners. The primary focus is, of course, federal, while their secondary focus is directed toward local and state issues.

Actiongrams - Overnight Actiongrams on behalf of HRC members are sent to elected officials and other leaders, on a state or federal level, in order to help influence key debates and legislative votes. Actiongrams continue to be a valuable tool, allowing our membership to lobby their representatives with relative ease.

HRC Action Alerts - We presently send Action Alerts to our Action Network members on an as-needed basis, often to focused geographic areas. These Alerts keep our Action Network informed of key issues and legislation and offer opportunities to take action. In the three-month period from April through June 1998, more than 30,000 pieces were sent.

State Political Action Committees (PACs) and state organizations receive periodic mail briefings from the HRC Field Staff. From marriage to parenting, from ENDA to hate crimes legislation, briefings are offered in a timely and relevant manner to the bisexual, transgendered, gay and lesbian communities as well as to our friends and allies.

The Strategic Response Team is an 'ever-ready' team of HRC staff and leadership that can be dispatched by the Field Director wherever they are needed to respond to an emergency situation.

FAITH & FAIRNESS

Quarterly meetings of faith community leaders and the Human Rights Campaign feature speakers and discussions on important political and social issues. In the past, Faith & Fairness meetings have included: a dissemination and analysis of HRC polling information among people of faith; a discussion of ENDA and the faith community's role in that legislation; and a presentation about politics and faith by Andrew Sullivan. We premiered the Jimmy Creech video at a Faith and Fairness meeting. Our primary speaker was the Reverend Philip Wogaman, of the Interfaith Alliance. Our work with faith communities has resulted in the Interfaith Alliance's endorsement of ENDA, a challenge to the Promise Keepers' 'Stand In The Gap' rally in Washington, a dissemination of faith materials between participants and HRC, and a growing list of solid allies within communities of faith.

THE EQUALITY TOUR

A caravan of activists from HRC left July 30th for the 1998 Pacific Northwest Equality Tour. HRC will work with local organizations and activists to educate, energize and register voters in anticipation of the fall election campaigns. Tour events will include town hall meetings, voter registration drives, and political updates.

Starting in Portland, Oregon on July 31, Donna Red Wing (National Field Director), Candace Gingrich (Associate Manager of the National Coming Out Project), Thom Kincheloe (Western Field Organizer), Jonathan Zucker (Equality Tour Coordinator), Heather Johnson (Education Assistant) and Ron Schlittler (West Field Associate, PFLAG), joined for parts of the tour by Betty DeGeneres (spokesperson for the National Coming Out Project) and Bev Jones (Field Assistant) will visit 30 cities in three states (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) in 17 days: Portland, Lincoln City, Corvallis, Albany, Eugene, Ashland, Medford, Bend, LaGrande, Pendleton, and Salem, Oregon; Vancouver, Walla Walla, the Tri-Cities, Spokane, Wenatchee, Everett, Bellingham, Seattle, Shoreline, Auburn, Kent, Tacoma and Olympia, Washington; and Boise, Lewiston, Moscow, Coeur d'Alene, and Sandpoint, Idaho.

THE FIELD CABINET

The Field Advisory Cabinet consists of six statewide 501(c)(4) and/or PAC organizations, chosen for their demonstrated ability to work well in partnership with HRC and to accomplish goals and use resources well. The initial six organizations are: Louisiana Lesbian and Gay Political Caucus, Right to Pride (OR), Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, North Carolina Pride PAC, Georgia Equality Project, and Out Front (MN).

The purpose of the Field Advisory Cabinet is to create an authentic advisory committee for HRC. The partnership between member organizations will promote the sharing of information and resources, to inform policy and work cooperatively to create a strong and vital link between HRC and the statewide member organizations of the Cabinet. The Field Advisory Cabinet will enable member organizations and HRC to better coordinate and organize between the local, state, and national levels.

The members of the Field Cabinet bring state and local expertise and information, resources and briefings to the Cabinet in order to inform Field activity at the state, regional, and local level, and will serve in an advisory capacity to the HRC National Field Team. The first meeting of the Cabinet will coincide with OutVote.



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"...without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right..."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

100 Days and Counting

Dear Action Network Activists --

As of July 26, there are just 100 days until the critical Nov. 3 elections in Hawaii and Alaska. On that 100th day, voters there will decide whether to ratify or reject discriminatory anti-gay amendments that aim to write gay and lesbian inequality into their state constitutions and cripple our advance toward winning the freedom to marry.

Both the Hawaii and Alaska amendments are products of the fierce national right-wing assault on our lives, families, and equality. Both are intended to keep us from winning the freedom to marry. Both are funded and pushed by a group of organizations, and even some religious entities, that fully appreciate how significant it would be for families and the position of gay people across the country if we were able to secure such a breakthrough. Both amendments are aimed at shutting down national discussion about our freedom to marry and our entitlement to full equality.

While local non-gay and gay people rally to fight in Alaska and, especially, in Hawaii, those of us on the mainland must help counter the right-wing campaign there and at home in our own communities. And most of all, because this is a critical chapter in our national civil rights movement, we must redouble our own work in our own circles and communities. We must work with the urgency that a 100 days countdown requires!

Here is what the next 100 Days hold in store:

- August - In Hawaii (and Alaska) right-wing forces will continue to flood in outside money to ratchet up their attacks. Elsewhere, while continuing their assault on gay people generally, our opponents will hope to squelch any public dialogue about our freedom to marry.

- September/October - In Hawaii (and Alaska), these opponents will begin their media attack campaign to try to frighten people into voting against our equality. Elsewhere, they will try to distort the dialogue about our freedom to marry, put forth stereotypes and usurp the mantle of religion and "family values".

Also in September/October, most likely, the Vermont Supreme Court will hear oral argument in the promising freedom-to-marry case brought by local Vermont couples and attorneys and New England's Gay Lesbian Advocates and Defenders. Like the attacks in Hawaii aimed at blocking the Hawaii Supreme Court's final ruling, and like the backlash campaign in Alaska, the Vermont Supreme Court argument will be yet another opportunity for all of us to focus people's attention on how inequality harms our families, and on how (as with race discrimination in marriage a generation ago), the government does not have a good reason for sex discrimination in civil marriage.

- November - In Hawaii (and Alaska), the voters will ratify or reject the discriminatory amendment proposals, thus either making an important statement about preserving the Bill of Rights, independent judiciary, and equality under the law for all, or inviting a new wave of litigation. If we beat back these amendments, the path will be clear for what we hope will be a swift decision from the Hawaii Supreme Court in our historic freedom-to-marry case. We could see oral argument, a decision, and, we hope, the breakthrough victory by the end of the year... allowing same-sex couples to wed. NOW is our chance to influence that cultural and political outcome.

So how can we -- how can you -- meet the challenges and opportunities of these critical 100 Days?

Realizing that local action and local outreach are key to further shaping the climate of receptivity we need among non-gay people all across the country, the National Freedom to Marry Coalition urges you to take the following action steps in your own community (linking up with us and others in your area):

Action Step 1 -- Support the efforts in Hawaii (and Alaska) to counter right-wing outside meddling with the State Bill of Rights and Constitution. If you live in those states, join the local efforts (contact info available from HRC or Lambda).

The rest of us can best support these frontline battles by sending a check, however big or small, NOW -- and urging others to do the same. Top priority is to send a check to help in Hawaii: POC/HRC to 1101 14th Street NW, #200, Washington, DC 20005. To assist in Alaska, call the No on 2 Campaign at (907) 566-6263.

Action Step 2 -- Begin working now to have September/October Day(s) of Action on the Freedom to Marry: a media event such as a press conference, vigil, demonstration, forum, dialogue/outreach, etc., aimed at generating positive attention and understanding from the persuadable non-gay public. Focus your efforts on highlighting compelling stories, and voices from non-gay supporters, especially clergy, as well as parents, neighbors, employers, civil rights representatives, etc. Consider planning to hold the event itself to coincide with some action in the courts (we will give you a heads-up as soon as we know dates), but start the outreach and preparation now. To start work now in your area, or to find out who else is interested in organizing, contact HRC or the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, NOW, PFLAG or GLAAD.

Action Step 3 -- From now through October, mount a specific targeted initiative to identify, approach, and enlist clergy and congregations in your area for support, dialogue and education. Use the Marriage Resolution, spokespersons and stories, and others who have already spoken out to enhance your efforts and successes in your area. There is no substitute for the person-to-person or group-to-group local ask. Contact HRC, Lambda, or religious groups such as Dignity or MCC.

Action Step 4 -- Beginning now, prepare to generate letters to the editors in a variety of local and state publications throughout September and October on our freedom to marry. Again, develop a mix of stories and spokespersons. It would also be useful to organize carefully planned briefings or meetings with editorial boards and key information leaders and outlets in your communities.

As always, for these action steps, or for others you launch yourself, each of the Coalition members have resources, materials, and advice to offer. Feel free to contact us for sample brochures, talking points, ideas, and so on. Contact ldefmarry@aol.com for a "master resource list" of what is available.

Local leadership is key, but, most of all, the next 100 Days are critical. Each of us, whether on the frontlines in Hawaii and Alaska, or on the soon-to-be frontlines everywhere else, must do the work of engaging non-gay people and arming them to be fair, NOW.

Please join us in this August-September-October-November action plan. Shape your community's and our country's history, defend equality, and make justice.

The National Freedom to Marry Coalition is a diverse group of non-gay and gay civil rights organizations committed to local, state and national work to end sex discrimination in civil marriage.

Members include the ACLU, Dignity, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International, Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, Human Rights Campaign (HRC), Latino Lesbian & Gay Organization (LLEGO), Lesbian & Gay Immigration Rights Task Force (LGIRTF), Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center, National Black Lesbian & Gay Leadership Forum, National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), National Organization for Women (NOW), Parents, Friends & Families of Lesbians & Gay Men (PFLAG), People for the American Way, the Religious Action Center of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches and numerous religious, state, and local organizations. The Coalition Coordinator and Clearinghouse is Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund's Marriage Project -- if in doubt as to whom to contact, start with Lambda and you will be referred to you to the best resources or groups nationally or in your area.

CAMPAIGN 98

Here is the most up-to-date list of endorsements for the 1998 election cycle. We will continue to add more up through Election Day. We have met with these candidates, and have been assured that they will fight for equality on the floor of both the Senate and House. While we are working hard for the election or re-election of these candidates, we cannot succeed without your help. We encourage you to get involved with campaigns in your area. This is a pivotal election year. The power is in your hands: vote, volunteer, mobilize, and energize! Together we will create a world safe for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered Americans!

Alabama: Earl Hilliard

Arizona: Ed Pastor, Jim Kolbe, Steve Owens

California: Barbara Boxer, Mike Thompson, Vic Fazio, Sandie Dunn, Robert Matsui, Lynn Woolsey, George Miller, Nancy Pelosi, Barbara Lee, Ellen Tauscher, Tom Lantos, Pete Stark, Anna Eshoo, Tom Campbell (Does Not Accept PAC Money), Zoe Lofgren, Sam Farr, Lois Capps, Brad Sherman, Howard Berman, Henry Waxman, Xavier Becerra, Matthew Martinez, Julian Dixon, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Grace Napolitano, Maxine Waters, Jane Harman, Janice Hahn, Juanita Millender-McDonald, Steve Horn (Does Not Accept PAC Money), George Brown, Loretta Sanchez, Christine Kehoe, Bob Filner
Colorado: Diana DeGette

Connecticut: Christopher Dodd, Sam Gejdenson, Rosa DeLauro, Christopher Shays (Does Not Accept PAC Money), Jim Maloney, Nancy Johnson

District of Columbia: Eleanor Holmes-Norton

Florida: Karen Thurman, Carrie Meek, Robert Wexler, Peter Deutsch, Alcee Hastings

Georgia: Cynthia McKinney, John Lewis

Hawaii: Daniel Inouye, Neil Abercrombie, Patsy Mink

Idaho: Dan Williams

Illinois: Carol Moseley-Braun, Dick Durbin, Bobby Rush, Jesse Jackson, Jr., Luis Gutierrez, Rod Blagojevich, Danny Davis, Jan Schakowsky, Judy Biggert, Lane Evans

Indiana: Gail Riecken, Julia Carson

Iowa: Jim Leach (Does Not Accept PAC Money), Leonard Boswell

Louisiana: William J. Jefferson

Maine: Tom Allen, John Baldacci

Maryland: Barbara Mikulski, Benjamin Cardin, Albert Wynn, Steny Hoyer, Elijah Cummings, Connie Morella

Massachusetts: John Olver, Richard Neal, James McGovern, Barney Frank, Marty Meehan, John Tierney, Edward Markey, Joe Moakley, Bill Delahunt

Michigan: Debbie Stabenow, Dale Kildee, David Bonior, Sander Levin, Lynn Rivers, John Conyers, Jr., Carolyn Kilpatrick

Minnesota: Bruce Vento, Martin Sabo, Bill Luther

Mississippi: Bennie Thompson

Missouri: William Clay, Richard Gephardt, Karen McCarthy

Nevada: Harry Reid, Shelly Berkeley

New Jersey: Robert Andrews, Frank Pallone, William Pascrell, Steve Rothman, Donald Payne, Rodney Frelinghuysen, Robert Menendez

New Mexico: Tom Udall

New York: Carolyn McCarthy, Gary Ackerman, Gregory Meeks, Thomas Manton, Jerrold Nadler, Edolphus Towns, Major Owens, Nydia Velazquez, Carolyn Maloney, Charles Rangel, Jose Serrano, Eliot Engel, Nita Lowey, Sue Kelly, Ben Gilman, Michael McNulty, Sherwood Boehlert, Maurice Hinchey, Louise Slaughter

North Carolina: Eva Clayton, Mel Watt

Ohio: Dennis Kucinich, Stephanie Tubbs-Jones, Sherrod Brown, Thomas Sawyer, James Traficant

Oregon: Ron Wyden, Earl Blumenauer, Peter DeFazio, Darlene Hooley

Pennsylvania: Arlen Specter, Chaka Fattah, Ron Klink, Jim Greenwood (Does Not Accept PAC Money), Joe Hoeffel, William Coyne, Roy Afflerbach

Rhode Island: Patrick Kennedy, Robert Weygand

South Carolina: Jim Clyburn

South Dakota: Tom Daschle

Tennessee: Harold Ford, Jr.

Texas: Ruben Hinojosa, Silvestre Reyes, Sheila Jackson Lee, Charles Gonzalez, Martin Frost, Ciro Rodriguez, Eddie Bernice Johnson

Vermont: Bernie Sanders

Virginia: James Moran

Washington: Patty Murray, Jay Inslee, Margarette Cammermeyer, Brian Baird, Norman Dicks, Jim McDermott, Adam Smith

Wisconsin: Russ Feingold, Lydia Spottswood, Tammy Baldwin, Ron Kind, Jay Johnson

FIELD 98

A look at where the Field has been so far this year

Hawaii

Anchorage, AK

Macomb and Chicago, IL

Worcester and Boston, MA

Cleveland and Columbus, OH

Philadelphia, PA

Rochester and Syracuse, NY

Nashville, TN

Arlington, VA

Dayton and Cincinnati, OH

Oklahoma City, OK

Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara, CA

Portland, OR

San Diego, CA

Myrtle Beach, SC

Portland, ME

Northampton, MA

New York City, NY

Westchester, PA

Buffalo and Long Island, NY

Detroit and Ann Arbor, MI

Minneapolis and Rochester, MN

Key West, FL

Atlanta, GA

Miami and Jacksonville, FL

Savannah, GA

New Orleans, LA

Baton Rouge, LA

Seattle, WA

Salt Lake City, UT

Denver, CO

Santa Fe, NM

Asheville, NC

Raleigh-Durham, NC

St. Louis, MO

FIELD ACTION!

Field Outreach to the Action Network - April 1998

March 31 - Fax and mail to 120 CDCs and SCs, information on Prides, News Releases on Christian Coalition initiative, Biological link to lesbianism, Maine election, Ellen Action Alert; Illinois Federation/Action Network generated calls to targeted districts on Illinois regarding Statewide Non-Discrimination legislation

April 1 - Action Grams to Gov. Paul Patton of Kentucky from 92 Action Gram members regarding anti-gay marriage bill

April 9 - Mailing to 120 CDCs and SCs, Information on OutVote, Hate Crimes Action Alert, Pride calendar, Action Tools

April 10 - Action Grams to 5 Alaska State Senators from 46 Action Gram members EACH, regarding Anti-gay marriage bill; Fax and mail to 120 CDCs and SCs, News Releases on Reggie White, Pentagon Report, Bella Abzug

April 14 - Email Action Alert regarding Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act to 900 campuses nationwide

April 15 - Action Alert to 2,812 Action Network members in CO, DE, FL, GA, IN, ME, MI, MO, NE, NH, NM, OH, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA regarding Hormel nomination; Action Alert to 798 Action Network members in GA, ME, TN, UT, VA re: Hochberg; Action Alert to 112 Action Network members in Missouri regarding Hochberg nomination, Kit Bond; Action Alert to 712 Action Network members in ME, OH, TN, NH, VA regarding ENDA mid-April - had list of 450 members in Oklahoma ready for rapid response, if necessary, on anti-gay bill

April 24 - Action e-mail regarding Hormel nomination to 2200 in CO, DE, FL, GA, IN, ME, MI, MO, NE, NH, NM, OH, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA; Action e-mail regarding Hochberg in Missouri to 200; Action e-mail regarding Hochberg to 400 activists in GA, ME, TN, UT, VA; Action email re: ENDA to Tennessee and Virginia to 250

April 25 - Fax and mail to 120 CDCs and SCs, News Releases on Needle Exchange, Catholic U., Reggie White, Perot Systems

April 27 - ActionGram to Mike DeWine from 683 Action Gram members in Ohio re: ENDA; Action e-mail to 19 Action Network members in Alaska regarding anti-gay marriage bill; Action alert to 400 members in Alaska regarding anti-gay marriage bill

April 29 - Action email regarding LGRL meeting on anti-gay family initiative to 500 Texans; Quarterly Field Action Newsletter, to 8,000 Action Network Members nationwide, including Action Items on Hormel nomination, Ellen, Hate Crimes, ENDA, and regional updates, and special pieces on Prides and ENDA

Field Outreach to the Action Network - May 1998

May 5 - E-mail Action Alert to 900 campuses regarding ENDA, specifically targeting Collins, Gregg, DeWine, Frist, and Warner

May 6 - Action Alert to 180 members in Alaska, providing background information and Action Items regarding Anti-gay Constitutional Amendment

Week of May 11 - Action Alert to 32 Action Network members in New Mexico to mobilize Domenici on Hormel nomination; Action Alert to 131 Action Network members in Colorado to mobilize Campbell on Hormel nomination; Action Alert to 88 Action Network members in Arizona to mobilize McCain on ENDA; Action Alert to 34 Action Network members in Utah to get Hatch on Hate Crimes Prevention Act

May 15 - Fax and mail to 120 CDCs and SCs: News releases on Reggie White, OutVote, Giuliani, AT&T, Ellen, Ypsilanti, ABC TV, Needle Exchange, Ellen cancellation

May 27 - Fax and mail to 120 CDCs and SCs: News releases on OutVote, Hochberg, Hormel

Field Outreach to the Action Network - June 1998

June 9 - E-mail Action Alert to 750 activists in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, regarding New York State SONDA; Action Alert to 600 members (Action Network, Federal Club, self-identified GOP) in Texas regarding Log Cabin protest; Action Alert to 600 members (Action Network, Federal Club, self-identified GOP) in Texas regarding Hutchison, Gramm support of Hormel; E-mail Action Alert to 524 members in Texas regarding Log Cabin protest

June 10 - Action Alert to 600 Action Network members in New York to encourage calls regarding NY State SONDA

June 10-14 - Action item on front page of HRC website to mobilize activists on Texas GOP rally

June 11 - Action Alert to 33 Action Network members in Wisconsin to urge Rep. Klug's support of ENDA; Action Alert to 60 Action Network members in Ohio to urge Rep. Pryce's support of ENDA; Action Alert to 6 Action Network members in Ohio to urge Rep. Hobson's support of ENDA; Action Alert to 5 Action Network members in New York to urge Rep. Houghton's support of ENDA; Action Alert to 8 Action Network members in New York to urge Rep. Lazio's support of ENDA; Action Alert to 17 Action Network members in New York to urge Rep. Forbes' support of ENDA; Action Alert to 15 Action Network members in Michigan to urge Rep. Knollenberg's support of ENDA; Action Alert to 7 Action Network members in Michigan to urge Rep. Upton's support of ENDA; Action Alert to 7 Action Network members in Michigan to urge Rep. Ehlers' support of ENDA; Action Alert to 16 Action Network members in Delaware to urge Rep. Castle's support of ENDA; Action Alert to 700 members in Illinois to recruit them to the Action Network; E-mail Action Alert to 134 activists in Arizona to urge Senator Kyl to support Hormel; E-mail Action Alerts to 37 activists, plus statewide listserv (approx. 200) in New Mexico to urge Domenici to support Hormel; E-mail Action Alerts to 184 activists, plus statewide listserv (approx. 300) in Colorado to urge Campbell to support Hormel; E-mail Action Alerts to 25 activists in Nebraska to thank Hagel for supporting Hormel

June 12 - E-mail Action Alert to Hate Crimes Working Group of Utah to urge Senator Hatch to support HCPA

June 15 - E-mail Action Alert to 201 activists in Michigan urging Senator Abraham to support Hormel nomination

June 15-17 - Action item on front page of HRC website to mobilize activists on NY SONDA

June 16 - Action Alert to 267 members in Virginia to urge Rep. Davis' support of ENDA; Action Alert to 79 members in Florida to urge Rep. Foley's support of ENDA; E-mail Action Alert to 6 corporate affinity groups in New York to urge passage of NY SONDA; E-mail Action Alert to 125 activists in Missouri urging Senator Bond to support Hormel nomination; E-mail Action Alert to 420 activists in Texas urging Senators Gramm and Hutchison to support Hormel nomination; E-mail Action Alerts to 230 activists in North Carolina urging Senator Faircloth to support Hormel nomination

June 17 - Action Alert to 74 Action Network members in Nebraska to thank Hagel for support of Hormel; Action Alert to 82 members in South Dakota to urge Daschle's support of ENDA; Action Alert to 165 Action Network members in Arizona urging Kyl to support Hormel nomination; E-mail Action Alerts to 350 activists in Florida urging Senator Mack to support Hormel nomination; E-mail Action Alerts to 368 activists in Georgia urging Senator Coverdell to support Hormel

June 19 - Mailing of Campaign Manual, Coming Out Guide, OutVote information, Action Network list or list agreement, pen to 130 Congressional District Coordinators and State Coordinators

June 24 - Mailing of Equality Tour "Save the Date" information to 4050 members in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho

ELLEN DeGENERES • ANNE HECHÉ

Dear HRC Member,

If there is one issue that has captured our hearts over the past year, it is the issue of gay marriage.

Gay and lesbian Americans deserve the same benefits and responsibilities of marriage as other Americans. Our relationships are miracles. Let's give them every chance by working together to win the legal support they deserve.

As you may know, our friends at HRC are taking the lead on a very important ballot initiative in Hawaii, called "Protect Our Constitution." The vote is in November 1998. A loss would nullify any court ruling that legalized same-sex marriage in Hawaii.

But HRC can't win this huge battle without all of our help — ours, yours, everyone who believes in love and commitment and the right to build a life with those you love.

We have given HRC our full support in this important fight. We urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Ellen DeGeneres — Anne Heche

URGENT

Elizabeth Birch
Executive Director

May 1998

Dear HRC Member,

We need your help—URGENTLY—so let me get right to the point.

As an HRC member, your contributions work every day to support our ongoing educational, legislative and political activities. We recognize and thank you for this.

But today I'm asking you to make a special contribution to underwrite an unanticipated challenge. Your special support is vital to the preservation of the right of gay and lesbian couples to marry, and the right of gay and lesbian Americans to have access to the wealth of important legal rights and privileges that accrue to marriage in our society.

After a six-year legal battle, most observers believe the Hawaii Supreme Court will issue a final ruling to legalize same-gender marriage almost any day. But the forces of homophobia and intolerance have converged on the Aloha State to nullify that extraordinary advance.

Their goal is to pass a November referendum that would amend Hawaii's constitution to allow legislators to define marriage solely as a union between two people of the opposite sex. As a result, the entire struggle for same-gender marriage could be set back dramatically—for years.

Thanks to the early support of our members, HRC is at work in Hawaii right now. As you'll read in this issue, we're waging a full-scale political campaign to defeat the constitutional amendment, and preserve the future of this historic step forward for gay and lesbian equality. We have a mandate to lead the political charge in the islands not only from local activists, but from other organizations like Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the ACLU. But, we cannot wage the full battle required without funding.

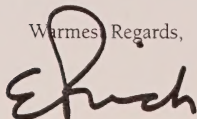
Anti-gay groups from across the country are pouring money, media and on-the-ground troops into Hawaii to spread misinformation and fear. Pat Robertson, Gary Bauer, Bill Bennett, the Christian Coalition and the entire chorus of religious political extremists have set their sights on Hawaii as their biggest and best chance this year to deal a powerful setback to lesbian and gay equality.

Is your help critical? I think the answer is clear. A victory in Hawaii would send a powerful message to the nation: that there are indeed tolerant states ready to move beyond the outmoded thinking of the past. A victory would encourage voters in other states to do the same. It would be a turning point in our equal rights movement.

HRC has the political resources and expertise to make a positive difference in the outcome of the Hawaii referendum. The campaign requires \$1.1 million to be truly effective. But that can only happen if every member stands behind us.

You and I, and every one of our 250,000 members across the country, face an urgent challenge in Hawaii. We can send a message to all America that every citizen deserves an equal opportunity to share in the rights and responsibilities of marriage. But we need your help today. Please read the full story of HRC's Hawaii campaign in this issue, and then send a generous contribution to help us prevail.

Warmest Regards,



Elizabeth Birch

P.S. If the special action of HRC members was ever of paramount importance, it is here and now in Hawaii. We simply cannot allow the enemies of gay and lesbian families to destroy the remarkable dream of same-gender marriage before it has a chance to come true. I hope you will take this urgent opportunity to send your maximum special contribution. Dig deep, so we can dream together of a future of complete equality.



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☐ **Yes**, I want to help make history by supporting HRC's efforts in Hawaii.

Hawaii state law requires us to use our best efforts to report the name, mailing address, occupation and employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$99. Please complete the entire form below.

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Enclosed is my contribution of: ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$1000 ☐ Other \$ _____

Only contributions of \$1,000 or under per individual are allowed under Hawaii state law.

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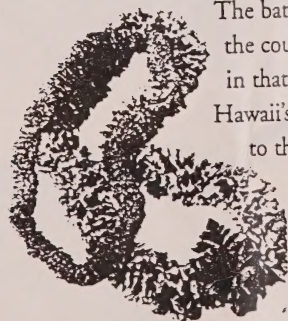
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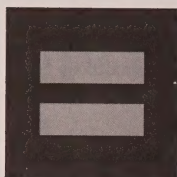
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The battle for equal marriage in Hawaii has moved beyond the courts and into the political arena. On Nov. 3, voters in that state will decide whether they want to amend Hawaii's constitution to allow legislators to limit marriage to the union of one man and one woman. Between now and then, our community must invest in a full-scale campaign — which will be very expensive. Please read about HRC's Hawaii campaign and then send a generous donation to help us prevail.



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FROM THE FIELD

A Quarterly Report to the
Human Rights Campaign's Action Network

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We are, I believe, privileged to live in a time and a place in our history where everything we do has the potential to move us one more step forward. We are writing our own liberation history! Each one of us has that potential. Think about it. And make a commitment to explore or expand your advocacy. We have more than 100 congressional district coordinators (CDCs), but we need many more. If you would like to talk to us about becoming a CDC in your area, call your regional field organizer. If you are interested in organizing in the faith community, call us. We have some wonderful information and strategies for that kind of work.

Share with us your thoughts about the movement. How do you think we can attract even more members so that we can, in the near future, reach our goal of more than a million members? Tell us about your community and the organizing efforts there. How can we best support local activism within the parameters of our federal focus?

How can we, in your opinion, move beyond the politics and into the hearts and minds of our fellow Americans? How can we counter the misinformation? How can we tell America who we really are? And how can we create an America that embraces and affirms its people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity?

We are moving into the next millennium with extraordinary power and promise. We have the exciting potential to create our future. It will be done in Washington and it will be done in cities and towns across this nation. Please, share with us your vision and your dreams. Help us to create a world that makes sense to each one of us. You can e-mail me at donna.red.wing@hrc.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

- Donna Red Wing,
National Field Director,
202.216.1541



SOUTHERN REPORT

In the 105th Congress, Southern states have more new U.S. representatives than any other region. HRC Action Network members who worked on congressional campaigns last fall are now making sure that as many members as possible will cosponsor the Employment Non Discrimination Act, ENDA, the bill protecting Americans from job discrimination based on sexual orientation. If you don't know how your representatives and senators stand on ENDA, call their offices through the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and encourage them to support ENDA.

Gil Williams, a new congressional district coordinator for the Action Network in Florida, recently met with Florida Democratic Rep. Karen Thurman of Gainesville. Although members have been lobbying her for years on ENDA, she only agreed to cosponsor the bill during this visit. Gil and members of his lobbying delegation used recent polling data from HRC's communications department to make a strong presentation to Thurman demonstrating the broad support ENDA has across the nation.

Scott Larson, State Action Coordinator in Georgia, met with staff of their state's new senator, Max Cleland, along with other members of HRC. After much hard work, Georgians convinced Cleland to cosponsor ENDA. This is a great gain over former Sen. Sam Nunn's vote against ENDA last fall.

Earlier this year, Carol Bartsch, Florida State Action Coordinator, helped HRC, AIDS Action Council and Americans for AIDS Research (AmFAR) organize a conference call with Florida activists.

Doug Hess, HRC's Southern field organizer, has been traveling throughout the region working with HRC members, college students and others to plan future organizing events and help with projects of local organizations. Doug has been in Georgia, Texas, North Carolina, Maryland and West Virginia so far this year, and was in Florida for 12 days in June. During the North Carolina trip, Doug delivered the opening remarks for "Breaking Barriers: Rural Organizing in the South."

Many congressional districts in the South need coordinators for the Action Network to help organize occasional lobby visits. Coordinators also help with other political activity in their area a few times a year. Please contact doug.hess@hrc.org if you would like to be an action coordinator for your region.

The Southern Region encompasses: Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

- Doug Hess
202.216.1521

NORTHERN REPORT

April was an exciting month for the Northern Region of the Human Rights Campaign. **Donna Red Wing**, national field director, and **Thom Kincheloe**, Northern field organizer made a four-day visit to Columbus, Ohio.

The long weekend started with a town hall meeting attended by more than 25 local HRC members and residents, where we were able to discuss HRC programs and address concerns. **Stonewall Columbus Executive Director Phil Martin** gave Donna and Thom a tour of the Short North district, introducing local residents, activists and businesspeople.

There were two Federal Club programs, a social for current Federal Club members, and a Federal Club recruitment dinner. At the social event the members were able to preview HRC's Ellen coming-out TV ad about job discrimination. At the recruitment dinner Donna and **Stamp Corbin**, member of the HRC board of directors, talked about the important work being done to ensure lesbian, gay and bisexual equality.

The highlight of the Columbus trip was the Saturday lobby training. The three-hour training was timely, since community activists were scheduled to lobby at the statehouse on May 14.

HRC has participated in pride celebrations in Northampton and Worcester, Mass.; New Jersey; Portland, Maine; and Queens, N.Y. Upcoming Northern Region Pride events with HRC in attendance include Milwaukee; Boston; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Detroit and Lansing, Mich.; Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Lehigh Valley, Pa.; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.; Chicago; Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio.

Future trainings are scheduled for Indianapolis; Springfield, Ill.; Minneapolis, Duluth, Rochester and Moorhead, Minn.; Detroit; Pittsburgh; Boston and Columbus, Ohio. For more information on trainings and other Northern Region activities contact Thom Kincheloe at (202) 216 1504 or thom.kincheloe@hrc.org.

The last week of May had two in-district congressional visits in the Northern Region. **Terry Cochran** led a coalition of GLBT leaders to meet with Illinois Rep. **John Shimkus**, a Republican, at his Collinsville, Ill., office. **Scott Dibble** and a

group of Minneapolis leaders met with Rep. **Martin Sabo**, D-Minn. And in early June, **Maryanne Daman** with other local leaders visited with GOP Rep. **Thomas Ewing** at his Kankakee, Ill., office. All three meetings focused on ENDA.

Action Heroes

Michael Caven and **Tom Grote**, HRC Federal Club members, have been named as Action Heroes for the Northern Region not only for what they provide to HRC's work but also to the Columbus, Ohio, community. At their restaurant and bar, Out on Main, Michael and Tom have set aside space for meetings, receptions and parties in an area known as the Renaissance Room. While visiting in April, we held our town hall meeting and a Federal Club recruitment dinner there, a great space enhanced by show billboards and other images by artists. Out on Main, styled as a "gay Hard Rock Cafe," features such items as a Melissa Ethridge guitar, Greg Louganis Speedos, Elton John outfits, political buttons and postcards. Thanks to Michael, Tom, Out on Main and its staff for their generous support.

The Northern Region encompasses: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

- Thom Kincheloe
202.216.1504

WESTERN REPORT

From March 31- April 9, **Becky Dinwoodie**, HRC's Western field organizer, and **Candace Gingrich**, HRC's field consultant, traveled down the front range of the Rockies, stopping in seven cities (Laramie, Wyo., and Greeley, Fort Collins, Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Boulder, Colo.) to hold town hall meetings, educate the public through media interviews and recruit new members to the Action Network. In Becky's home town of Fort Collins (affectionately referred to as "Fort Closet"), 400 citizens turned out to a town hall event organized by HRC Congressional District Coordinator **David Dinwoodie** (a.k.a. Becky's dad) and the Colorado State University "Straight But Not Narrow" group. In Wyoming, activists came from across the state to attend the town hall organized by United Gays and Lesbians of Wyoming. Finally, in Colorado Springs, where the anti gay group Focus on the Family is so populous that the building has its own zip code, 415 people turned out to two HRC/Ground Zero events, proving that even in the belly of the beast, our community is not only alive, but growing stronger. We spoke to more than 1,700 people, recruited four new congressional district coordinators, and generated 20 newspaper articles, 13 radio interviews and four TV interviews educating the public about the ongoing fight for our civil rights. This tour would not have been possible without the assistance of the 25 local and state organizations that helped coordinate

HIV Bill Harmful to State Efforts

*Ask members of
congress not to
cosponsor this
bill.*

Write Congress

Honorable _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable _____
U.S. House of
Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Call Congress

Congressional Switchboard
202/224-3121
call and ask for your
members of Congress

The mis-named HIV Prevention Act of 1997 (H.R.1062) has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Tom Coburn (R-OK). Sen. Don Nickles (R-OK) has introduced a companion bill (S.503) in the Senate.

These bills have nothing to do with HIV prevention. Instead, they impose costly and ineffective testing and reporting requirements at the expense of proven HIV prevention strategies. HR 1062 stipulates that in order to receive federal Medicaid funds -- which 53% of adults and 90% of children living with AIDS depend on for health care -- states must comply with the onerous and unnecessary provisions in the bill. (S.503 does not have the Medicaid stipulation, but includes the coercive provisions explained below.)

These bills would require states to:

- report the names of HIV positive individuals, even though the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has never called for such reporting and studies show people will avoid testing if their results are reported to the government;
- share identities of HIV positive individuals with other states to set up a national partner notification program, even though states are already required to have partner notification systems in place;
- allow health providers to withhold medical procedures unless the patient is tested for HIV, even though such testing is coercive, non-consensual and could delay life-saving treatment;
- make 265 statutory or regulatory changes at a cost of over \$400 million, potentially shifting resources away from community-based, scientifically sound HIV prevention strategies.

Sample language for a letter or phone call

Dear Representative (or Senator):

I am writing to urge you to oppose H.R.1062 (or S.503), the HIV Prevention Act of 1997, introduced by Rep. Tom Coburn (or Sen. Don Nickles). This bill actually works against HIV prevention efforts that scientists, researchers and community leaders have found effective. It would cost states and local governments hundreds of millions of dollars and require hundreds of changes in local public health laws that are not supported by many public health organizations.

Studies have shown that large numbers of people will not get tested for HIV if their results are reported to the state. Also, states are already required to have a partner notification program.

This bill creates a burdensome layer of unnecessary federal interference that will direct scarce resources from locally developed, community-based programs which are effective in changing behaviors and preventing the transmission of HIV. With new drug treatments offering hope for so many, we cannot afford to drive people away from health care, testing, counseling and prevention programs. Please write to me concerning your position on this bill.



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Employment Non-Discrimination Act Gathering Steam.

*Action needed to get
more co-sponsors and
support.*

Write Congress Now!

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U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Congress

Increased support for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) from members of both parties in Congress gives hope to passage of the nation's first major civil rights act for lesbians, gays and bisexuals. HRC's Executive Director Elizabeth Birch, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (a coalition of more than 180 organizations) and the leaders of the bi-partisan coalition of members of Congress, including lead sponsors Senators Jeffords (R-VT), Kennedy (D-MA) and Lieberman (D-CT), and Representatives Shays (R-CT) and Frank (D-MA) are mapping out a strategy for passing ENDA in the 105th Congress.

Republican lead co-sponsor Rep. Christopher Shays stated: "I think that ultimately this bill will become law if not this session, then next." The bill was introduced June 10 with a historic number of co-sponsors: 35 in the Senate and 149 in the House.

A recent national poll shows that 68 percent of voters favor passage of ENDA, including 59 percent of Republicans, 69 percent of independents and 79 percent of Democrats. Also, voters in every region of the country support the measure, with 77 percent of Americans favoring it in the Northeast, 71 percent in the Midwest, 68 percent in the West, and 62 percent in the South.

Call or write Congress about the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. ENDA's bill numbers are HR.1858 in the House and S.869 in the Senate.

Sample language for a letter or call

Dear Representative (or Senator):

I am writing to ask you for your co-sponsorship of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA, HR.1858 or S.869), federal legislation that would prohibit discrimination in the workplace based on sexual orientation.

ENDA has broad-based support from both sides of the aisle and the vast majority of Americans. A recent poll conducted by leading Republican and Democratic pollsters found that 68 percent of voters (including 59 percent of Republicans) support passage of ENDA. However, it remains legal to fire somebody based on their sexual orientation in over three dozen states in the country.

Every employee should have the right to do his or her job and contribute to society without facing unfair discrimination. The price of prejudice, in both human and economic terms is unacceptable. ENDA furthers this core value of our nation. Please write to me regarding your position on this matter. Thank you.



events, especially United Gays and Lesbians of Wyoming, Equality Colorado and Ground Zero.

The Pacific Northwest -- where the coffee is strong and the activists are stronger. HRC is working hard to build a strong grassroots foundation in the Pacific Northwest, where religious political extremists have been attacking our community for years with anti-gay ballot initiatives, discriminatory legislation and an electoral machine so effective that they captured seven House seats in Washington state alone in 1994.

In May, HRC Executive Director **Elizabeth Birch**, Western Field Organizer **Becky Dinwoodie** and Western Events Manager **Tom Gaynor** traveled to Olympia, Wash., for a statewide organizing conference sponsored by Hands Off Washington. Elizabeth delivered the keynote address and Becky led training sessions on lobbying, media and grassroots organizing skills. They visited employees at Microsoft Corp., students at the University of Washington and local HRC members who are interested in helping to form a steering committee. Democratic Rep. **Jim McDermott** of Seattle attended the last event, thanking HRC for its involvement locally in the 1996 elections and urging even greater commitment in 1998. Another highlight was a reception with the Washington Lesbian and Gay Law Association, organized by Seattle Congressional District Coordinator **Sevilla Claydon**, and cosponsored by the King County Bar Association and leading local law firms.

In Oregon, Elizabeth delivered the Pentecostal sermon at the Metropolitan Community Church of Portland and spoke at a community meeting, cosponsored by Right to Pride. The meeting featured State Rep. **George Eighmey**, a victim of workplace discrimination who is helping lead the fight to make Oregon the 12th state to pass a bill providing protection from workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation. In addition, Becky held a community meeting in Salem, Ore., organized by CDC **Gary Smith** and traveled to Boise, Idaho for a meeting with local activists, cosponsored by Idaho for Basic Rights.

During this tour, HRC staff were able to address over 550 activists and recruited five new congressional district coordinators.

Events

Notes from the Left Coast

HRC hosted several community meetings in California this summer to build upon the energy generated during last year's California Project and to strengthen our legislative and electoral network for the future, especially in anticipation of Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer's 1998 Senate race. They included:

- * June 17, West Hollywood Auditorium, West Hollywood, cosponsored by LIFE Lobby and L. A. Gay & Lesbian Center;

- * June 20, Long Beach -- Legislative update and HRC organizing meeting;

- * June 26, Lambda Community Center, Sacramento -- Legislative update cosponsored by LIFE Lobby; and

- * July 12, San Francisco -- The Northern California Action Network, in coalition with other local political and community organizations, held an all-day grassroots advocacy training.

Action Hero

David Dinwoodie has been a tireless advocate for LGBT rights at

the local, state and federal level, especially during this past year in his position as HRC's CDC for Colorado's 4th district. David has hosted an HRC house party to recruit new members, staffed the HRC booth at Denver Pride, organized a local rally to celebrate the Supreme Court decision on Amendment 2 and organized the gay community to support the local fair-minded candidate in the '96 election. David also travels throughout his district and into Wyoming, educating activists about ENDA and other critical legislation and recruiting new members for the Action Network. This spring, David took two weeks off work to provide logistical support and drive **Candace Gingrich** and **Becky Dinwoodie** around Wyoming and Colorado during their organizing tour. David is also helping to lead the effort to add sexual orientation to a local non-discrimination ordinance. The dedication of straight allies like David reminds us that gay equal rights are basic civil rights. Our deepest thanks to a true hero of the movement.

The Western Region encompasses: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

- **Becky Dinwoodie**
202.216.1512

CANDACE ON "ELLEN"

Grassroots organizers have known for years that hosting a house party is a great way to educate people and get them involved in an issue. HRC's field team finds house parties especially useful since they attract many people who would never attend a pride festival or a town hall meeting. Ellen DeGeneres and the April 30 coming out episode of "Ellen" made it possible to reach thousands of people who previously had never heard of HRC or the work we do.

With more than 200,000 members, 10,000 Action Network members and 100 dedicated congressional district coordinators, HRC is already the largest national lesbian and gay political organization. But when you compare those numbers to the nearly 2 million members of the Christian Coalition, you realize the importance of bringing more people into HRC's network of activists. House parties are one way to reach that goal.

The communications department and a number of generous donors made it possible to produce the commercial about workplace discrimination, highlighting the lack of protection for gays. The commercial aired in 35 cities across the country. In addition, HRC house party hosts received videotaped copies to show.

HRC sent 2,200 Ellen house party kits all over the country and another 1,000 people downloaded the materials from our website. We continue to get pledge sheets from party hosts and enthusiastic feedback.

From California: "Thanks a million for this great grassroots event. Let's hope it's not the last!"

From New York: "We also know that the real, everyday activism takes hours and hours of perseverance, and a lot of frustration. We applaud your hard work-- all of the photocopying, envelope stuff

ing, phone calling, speaker arrangement, and so on that goes unnoticed so often."

From Georgia: "This was a truly grassroots outreach effort that we were proud to be a part of in this particular chapter of gay and lesbian history. As a professional woman who was forced to resign my job in Florida about eight years ago in a struggle to prevent discrimination in the work force on the city and county levels, I take ENDA extremely personally."

From Oklahoma: "Our 'Ellen' party was a tremendous success with over 50 in attendance. Enclosed are the sign in sheets with 21 new members, a few inquiries as to Federal Club, and considerable interest in HRC involvement in Oklahoma congressional races in 1998."

Thanks to all of you who hosted or attended a party.

Ellen's coming out may have been historic -- but the real celebration is for the thousands of newly born and born-again activists.

- Candace Gingrich
202.216.1517

FIELD NOTES

It's a small world after all...

On June 18 at its annual meeting in Dallas, the Southern Baptist Convention called for a nationwide anti-gay boycott of the Walt Disney Co. and all its subsidiaries. Among the factors cited by the Baptists were Disney's willingness to allow gay people to visit its theme parks, its policy of extending equal benefits to the domestic partners of its gay and lesbian employees, and its decision to allow the star of its ABC sitcom *Ellen* to become the first lead character on network television to honestly acknowledge being gay.

On June 26, with stuffed animals in hand, HRC staff members kicked off a nationwide effort encouraging HRC members and other fair-minded Americans to counter the Southern Baptist Convention's anti-gay boycott by purchasing Disney gift certificates and toys, and donating them to children in hospitals throughout the country.

HRC staffers launched the campaign by donating \$5,000 worth of Disney toys to children in Washington-area hospitals.

We are making organizing kits available to anyone who wants to participate in the project. These kits contain organizing ideas, talking points, responses to the boycott and press clips. Kits can be obtained by calling Jonathan Zucker, at (202) 628-4160 ext. 4008 or by e-mailing him at jonathan.zucker@hrc.org.

We hope you will get involved in HRC's effort to show our support for Disney's fair minded policies while doing something positive to help families with sick children.

ENDA Reintroduced

A bipartisan coalition of senators and representatives reintroduced the Employment Non Discrimination Act on June 10, 1997.

ENDA would make it illegal under federal law to discriminate in the workplace on the basis of sexual orientation. Lead cosponsors Sens. James Jeffords, R-Vt., Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Barney Frank, D-Mass., have already helped the HRC legislative team garner a record level of support, with 150 original

cosponsors in the House and 35 in the Senate. Call your HRC regional organizer. We'll help you set up a lobbying visit in your congressional district.

Faith and Fairness

HRC presented a program on May 21 about ENDA to representatives of the faith community in the Washington, D.C., area. The Rev. Meg Riley, Unitarian Universalist Association, the Rev. Jay Lintner, United Church of Christ and Nancy Buermeyer, HRC senior policy advocate, joined Donna Red Wing in that presentation. HRC shared new polling information about ENDA specific to communities of faith. If you are interested in helping HRC organize support for ENDA in communities of faith, please contact Jonathan Zucker at 202.628.4160 ext. 4008, to receive a copy of the information.

Field Team Interns

Hi! I'm Jonathan Zucker, one of the new field interns with the Human Rights Campaign. I first became active in GLBT rights three years ago when I served as vice chair of the 1994 Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian Awareness Days at Yale. After college, I moved to Washington and found a job with the Democratic Leadership Council. In 1995, I helped to found And Justice for All, an organization dedicated to increasing the participation of straight allies in the GLBT rights movement.

Last fall, I started at the Georgetown University Law Center. This summer, I wanted to learn how to build, organize and activate a national grassroots political network. HRC is the obvious place to learn about grassroots organizing for GLBT equality, so here I am. I look forward to working with and learning from the staff here in Washington, as well as our activists around the country.

Hi! My name is Catherine Paden and I'm a summer intern in the field department. I'm very excited to be working with HRC, and to be involved with the grassroots component of the organization. I graduated in May from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., with a bachelors degree in political science.

Upon graduating, I knew that I wanted to work in the progressive, non-profit community -- ideally with a gay and lesbian rights organization. What better place to do this than at HRC? My previous experience was at a women's organization in the grassroots activism department, where I learned the importance and necessity of organizing at the state and local levels. Therefore, I was excited when I was given the opportunity to work in the HRC field department this summer. I look forward to a challenging, educational, and fun summer with HRC.

Students Protest Anti-Gay Conference at Georgetown

Field intern and Georgetown University law student Jonathan Zucker helped organize a protest of the American Public Philosophy Institute's "Homosexuality and American Public Life" Conference. The conference was held at the Georgetown Conference Center on June 19-21.

APPI labeled homosexuality a "tragic affliction" requiring "prevention and treatment." Zucker called the conference "a thinly veiled pseudo-intellectual platform for gay-bashing." About 150 people attended the protest.

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- ☐ Yes, I'm enclosing a membership contribution to the Human Rights Campaign to help gain support for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act in Congress. And I've signed my name on the Petition of Support to be presented to Members of Congress.
- ☐ Yes, I'm enclosing a membership contribution to the Human Rights Campaign to help gain support for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act in Congress, but I prefer not to sign my name to the Petition of Support at this time.

My membership contribution is in the amount of:

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Please join President Clinton and other leading Americans by adding your name as a supporter of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

Thanks, Elizabeth Birch

PETITION OF SUPPORT

"To ensure that hiring, promotions and dismissals are based on skills and job performance, not on sexual orientation, the following individuals and groups express their strong support of S. 932/H.R. 1863, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act:"

Signature

Name (Please print)

Address

City, State, ZIP

Please sign your name above. HRC will add it to the master list that we present to Congress in the weeks ahead.

President William J. Clinton

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Municipal Employees
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Arizona Daily Star
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Mary Frances Berry, Chair, US Civil Rights Commission
Bethlehem Steel Corporation
Rev. Edmond Browning, Presiding Bishop,
Episcopal Church
Anthony Carnevale, Chair, National Commission
on Employment Policy
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of Church and Society

Voter registration services will be made available without regard to a voter's political preference or on the basis of support for or opposition to a particular candidate.



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State Registration Deadline

To register in time to vote in the upcoming election, your application must be postmarked (or delivered to *your local voter registration office*) by the deadline listed below.

Alabama-10 days before the election.

Alaska-30 days before the election.

Arizona-29 days before the election.

Arkansas-21 days before the election.

California-29 days before the election.

Colorado-30 days before the election.

If your application is received in the mails without a postmark, it must be received within 5 days of the close of registration.

Connecticut-14 days before the election.

Delaware-20 days before any general election.

District of Columbia-30 days before the election.

Florida-29 days before the election.

Georgia-The fourth Friday before any general primary, general election, or presidential preference primary. The ninth day after the date of the call for all other special primaries and special elections.

Hawaii-30 days before the election.

Idaho-25 days before the election.

Illinois-29 days before the election.

Indiana-29 days before the election.

Iowa-10 days before the election, if it is a state primary or general election; 11 days before all others. Registration forms which are postmarked 15 or more days before an election are considered on time even if received after the deadline.

Kansas-Delivered 15 days before the election.

Kentucky-28 days before the election.

Louisiana-24 days before the election.

Maine-15 days before the election (or delivered *in-person* up to and including election day).

Maryland-9:00 p.m. on the fifth Monday before the election.

Massachusetts-20 days before the election.

Michigan-30 days before the election.

Minnesota-Delivered by 5:00p.m. 21 days before the election (there is also election day registration at polling places).

Mississippi-30 days before the election.

Missouri-28 days before the election.

Montana-30 days before the election.

Nebraska-The fourth Tuesday before the election (or delivered by 6 p.m. on the second Friday before the election).

Nevada-9:00 p.m. on the fifth Saturday before any primary or general election. 9:00 p.m. on the third Saturday before any recall or special election. However, if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary or general election, the registration closes at 9:00 p.m. on the fifth Saturday before the day for the elections.

New Hampshire-In New Hampshire, this application may be used only as a request for a State voter registration application, which must be received by your city or town clerk by 10 days before the election.

New Jersey-29 days before the election.

New Mexico-28 days before the election.

New York-25 days before the election.

North Carolina-25 days before the election.

North Dakota-North Dakota does not have voter registration.

Ohio-30 days before the election.

Oklahoma-25 days before the election.

Oregon-21 days before the election (there is no deadline for applications for change of name, change of address or to register with a party).

Pennsylvania-30 days before an election or primary.

Rhode Island-30 days before an election or primary.

South Carolina-30 days before the election.

South Dakota-Delivered 5 days before the election.

Tennessee-30 days before the election.

Texas-30 days before the election.

Utah-20 days before the election.

Vermont-Delivered to the town clerk before 12:00 noon on the third Saturday before the election.

Virginia-Delivered 29 days before the election.

Washington-30 days before the election (or delivered *in-person* to the local voter registration office 15 days before the election).

West Virginia-30 days before the election.

Wisconsin-13 days before the election (or completed in the local voter registration office 1 day before the election or completed at the polling place on election day).

Wyoming-Wyoming will not let you use the application for registering to vote in the state.

State Instructions

For Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Tennessee use one of the following selections for box 8:
American Indian or Alaskan Native;
Asian or Pacific Islander, not Native Hawaiian;
Black, not of Hispanic Origin;
Hispanic;
Multi-racial;
Native Hawaiian;
White, not of Hispanic Origin;
Other

Alabama

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested (by authority of the Alabama Supreme Court, 17-4-122).

7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. You are required to fill in this box, however, your application will not be rejected if you fail to do so.

9. Signature. To register in Alabama you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Alabama and your county at the time of registration

- be 18 years old before any election
- not have been convicted of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary (or have had your civil and political rights restored)
- not currently be declared mentally incompetent through a competency hearing
- swear or affirm to support and defend the Constitution of the U.S. and the State of Alabama and further disavow any belief or affiliation with any group which advocates the overthrow of the governments of the U.S. or the State of Alabama by unlawful means and that the information contained herein is true, so help me God"

Mailing Address:

Office of the Secretary of State
P.O. Box 5616
Montgomery, AL 36103-5616

Alaska

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested. This information is kept confidential. Having this information assists in maintaining your voter record and may assist in verifying your identity (Title 15 of the Alaska Statutes).

7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if

you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention (unless otherwise permitted by a political party).

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Alaska you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years old within 90 days of this registration
- not be a convicted felon (unless unconditionally discharged)
- not be judicially determined to be of unsound mind, unless the disability has been removed
- not be registered to vote in another state

Mailing address:

Division of Elections
State of Alaska
Region II
800 East Dimond Blvd. #3-580
Anchorage, AK 99515

Arizona

6. ID Number. The last 4 digits of your social security number and your Indian Census number (if you have one) are requested.

7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if

you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Arizona you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Arizona and your county at least 29 days preceding the next election
- be 18 years old on or before the next general election
- not have been convicted of treason or a felony (or have had your civil rights restored)
- not currently be declared an incapacitated person by a court of law

Mailing address:

Secretary of State/Elections
1700 W. Washington, 7th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Arkansas

6. ID Number. Your social security number and/or driver's license number are requested. These numbers will remain confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone other than voter registration officials. These numbers will not be published on any voter registration lists.

7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Arkansas you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
 - live in Arkansas at the address in Box 2 on the application
 - be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
 - not be a convicted felon (or have completely discharged your sentence or been pardoned)
 - not claim the right to vote in any other jurisdiction
- Note: Arkansas, by law, cannot accept this form until after Jan. 1, 1996.

Mailing Address:

State of Arkansas
Office of Auditor
230 State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

California

6. ID Number. Leave blank.

7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in California you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of California
- be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election
- not be imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony
- not currently be judged mentally incompetent by a court of law

Mailing address:

Secretary of State
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Colorado

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested.

7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Colorado you must:

- be 18 years old
- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Colorado 30 days prior to the election

- not be confined as a prisoner or serving any part of a sentence under mandate

Mailing address:

Secretary of State
c/o Elections Officer
1560 Broadway, Suite 200
Denver, CO 80202

Connecticut

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested on a voluntary basis. It will be used by election officials to prepare accurate lists of electors, but no official may disclose it to the public (Conn. Gen. Stat. 9-23g).

7. Choice of Party. This is optional, but you must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Connecticut you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Connecticut and of the town in which you wish to vote
- be 18 years old on or before the next election
- not be convicted of a felony, except conviction for the crime of nonsupport (or have had your civil rights restored)
- not currently be declared mentally incompetent to vote by a court of law

Mailing address:

Secretary of State
Elections Division
30 Trinity Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Delaware

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested. Your social security number is used as necessary for administrative purposes related to voting, including to identify you as a registered voter, to ensure no individual is registered in more than one place, to verify address, voting districts, and other information and may be used for any other lawful purpose. The registration application containing your social security number will become part of the registration record of your county (Title 15, Sec. 1302, Del. Code and 5 U.S.C.A., Sec. 552a [Sec. 7 of the Privacy Act of 1974]).

7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Delaware you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Delaware for 1 year preceding the election, a resident of the county for 90 days, and a resident of the election district (hundred) for 30 days
- be at least 18 years old on the date of the next general election
- not be a convicted felon
- not be mentally incompetent

Mailing address:

Commissioner of Elections
32 W. Lookerman Street
Suite 203
Dover, DE 19901

District of Columbia

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested. We use your social security number for ID purposes only. It will not be available to the public or used in any reports (Federal Privacy Act, PL 93-579).

7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in the District of Columbia you must:

- be a citizen of the United States

- be a District of Columbia resident at least 30 days preceding the next election

- be at least 18 years old on or preceding in the next election

- not be in jail for a felony conviction

- not have been judged mentally incompetent by a court of law

- not claim the right to vote anywhere outside D.C.

Mailing address:

District of Columbia Board of Elections & Ethics
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 250
Washington, DC 20001-2745

Florida

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested. The disclosure of your social security number is voluntary. It is being requested pursuant to Section 97.052(2)(k), Florida Statutes. Although your social security number will only be used for registration purposes, it will be open to public inspection (99.052 [3][d], Fla. Stat.).

7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. You are requested to fill in this box.

9. Signature. To register in Florida you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a legal resident of both the State of Florida and the county in which you seek to be registered
- be 18 years old (you may preregister if you are 17)
- not now be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other State
- not have been convicted of a felony without your civil rights having been restored pursuant to law
- not claim the right to vote in another county or state

- swear or affirm the following: "I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, that I am qualified to register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a legal resident of Florida"

Mailing Address:

State of Florida
Department of State
Division of Elections
Room 1801, The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Georgia

6. ID Number. Your social security number is required. Your social security number will remain confidential and will not be disclosed except as required by law. The number will be used to identify and verify the identity of voters (Georgia Election Code, O.C.G.A. Ch. 21-2).

7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party to take part in that party's primary, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. You are required to fill out this box.

9. Signature. To register in Georgia you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a legal resident of Georgia and of the county in which you want to vote
- be 18 years old within six months after the day of registration, and be 18 years old to vote
- not be serving a sentence for having been convicted of a felony
- not have been judicially determined to be mentally incompetent, unless the disability has been removed

Mailing address:

Office of the Secretary of State
P.O. Box 105325
Atlanta, GA 30348-5325

Hawaii

6. ID Number. Your social security number is required. It is used to prevent fraudulent registration and voting. Failure to furnish this information will prevent acceptance of this application (Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 11-15).

7. Choice of Party. A choice of party is not required for voter registration.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. If you are of Hawaiian ancestry and desire to register to vote in Office of Hawaiian Affairs elections, please write "Hawaiian" in this box. HRS II states that a Hawaiian is "any descendant of aboriginal peoples inhabiting the Hawaiian islands which exercised sovereignty and subsisted in the Hawaiian islands in 1778, and which peoples thereafter have continued to reside in Hawaii."

9. Signature. To register in Hawaii you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the State of Hawaii
- be at least 16 years old (you must be 18 years old by election day in order to vote)
- not be in jail for a felony conviction
- not be "non compos mentis"

Mailing address:

**Office of the Lieutenant Governor
State of Hawaii
P.O. Box 3226
Honolulu, HI 96801**

Idaho

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested. It will be used for administrative purposes only (34-411, Idaho Code).

7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Idaho you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Idaho and in the county for 30 days prior to the election
- be at least 18 years old
- not have been convicted of a felony, and without having been restored to the rights of citizenship, or confined in prison on conviction of a criminal offense
- not be under guardianship

Mailing address:

**Secretary of State
State Capital Bldg.
Boise, ID 83720-0080**

Illinois

6. ID Number. The last four or six digits of your social security number are requested.

7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Illinois you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Illinois and of your election precinct at least 30 days before the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- not be in jail or on parole for a felony conviction
- not claim the right to vote anywhere else

Mailing address:

**State Board of Elections
1020 S. Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62704**

Indiana

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested but is not required. It will be used for administrative purposes and may be disclosed to the public (Indiana Code 3-7-3-9).

7. Choice of Party. Leave blank.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Indiana you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in the precinct at least 30 days before the next election
- be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next general election
- not currently be in jail for a criminal conviction

Mailing address:

**State Election Board
302 West Washington Street,
Room E032
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2738**

Iowa

6. ID Number. Disclosure of your social security number is voluntary. It is requested by authority of Iowa Code Section 48A.11. If you provide your number, it will be used to help avoid multiple voter registration records for a single individual. The numbers may be publicly disclosed. If you do not provide your number, that fact will not affect your right to register to vote, or to vote.

7. Choice of Party. You may, but do not have to, register with a party in advance if you want to take part in that party's primary election. You may change or declare a party affiliation at the polls on primary election day.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Iowa you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the State of Iowa
- be at least 17-1/2 years old (you must be 18 to vote)
- not have been convicted of a felony (or have had your rights restored)
- not currently be judged "mentally incompetent" by a court
- not claim the right to vote in more than one place
- give up your right to vote in any other place

Mailing address:

**Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of State
Hoover State Office Building
2nd Floor
Des Moines, IA 50319**

Kansas

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested but not required. It will be used for administrative purposes and may be disclosed to the public (KRS 25-2309).

7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Kansas you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Kansas
- be 18 by the next statewide general election
- not be imprisoned for conviction in any state or federal court of a crime punishable by death or imprisonment for one year or longer (or have had your civil rights restored)
- not claim the right to vote in any other location or under any other name
- not be excluded from voting for mental incompetence by a court of competent jurisdiction

Mailing address:

**Secretary of State
2nd Floor, State Capitol
300 S.W. 10th Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612-1594**

Kentucky

6. ID Number. Your social security number is required. It is used for administrative purposes only

and is not released to the public (KRS 116:155).

7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Kentucky you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Kentucky
- be a resident of the county for at least 28 days prior to the election date
- be 18 years of age on or before the next general election
- not be a convicted felon or if you have been convicted of a felony, your civil rights must have been restored by executive pardon
- not have been judged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law
- not claim the right to vote anywhere outside Kentucky

Mailing address:

**State Board of Elections
140 Walnut Street
Frankfort, KY 40601**

Louisiana

6. ID Number. Your social security number is required. Neither the registrar nor the Department of Elections and Registration shall circulate the social security numbers of registered voters on commercial lists (R.S. 18:104 [a][16]).

7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

8. Race or Ethnic Group. You are requested to fill in this box.

9. Signature. To register in Louisiana you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Louisiana
- be at least 17 years old, and be 18 years old prior to the next election to vote
- not currently be under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony
- not currently be under a judgement of interdiction for mental incompetence

Mailing address:

**Dept. Of Elections and Registration
P.O. Box 14179
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-4179**

Maine

6. ID Number. Leave blank.

7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention (unless otherwise permitted by a political party)

8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Maine you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Maine and the municipality in which you want to vote
- be at least 17 years old (you must be 18 years old to vote)
- not be under guardianship because of mental illness

Mailing address:

**Elections Section
Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions
State House Station #101
Augusta, ME 04333-0101**

Maryland

6. ID Number. Leave blank.

7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.

8. Race and Ethnic Group. Leave blank.

9. Signature. To register in Maryland you must:

- be a citizen of the United States

- be a resident of Maryland and the county in which you want to vote
- be at least 18 years old before the next general election
- not be under sentence or on probation or parole following conviction for an infamous crime (that is, any felony, treason, perjury, or any crime involving an element of deceit, fraud, or corruption)
- not have been convicted more than once of an infamous crime, without a pardon
- not be under guardianship for mental disability

Mailing address:
State Administrative Board of Election Laws
P.O. Box 231, 11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21404-0231

Massachusetts

6. ID Number. Leave blank.
7. Choice of Party. You must enroll with a party if you want to take part in that party's presidential preference primary. If you do not designate a party in this box, you may still enroll at the polling place on primary election day.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Massachusetts you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Massachusetts
 - be 18 years old
 - not have been convicted of corrupt practices in respect to elections
 - not be under guardianship with respect to voting

Mailing address:
Secretary of State
Elections Division, Rm 1705
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

Michigan

6. ID Number. A driver's license or state personal ID number is required.
7. Choice of Party. You must declare a "political party preference" if you want to take part in that party's presidential primary election.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Michigan you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be 18 years old by the next election
 - be a resident of the city or township in which you are applying to register
 - not be confined in a jail after being convicted and sentenced

Mailing address:
Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
P.O. Box 20126
Lansing, MI 48901-0726

Minnesota

6. ID Number. Leave blank.
7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Minnesota you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Minnesota for 20 days before the next election
 - be 18 years old by election day
 - not be convicted of treason or a felony, or have had your civil rights restored
 - not be under the guardianship of a person or found legally incompetent

Mailing address:
Secretary of State
Data Procession Section
555 Park Street, Suite 402
St. Paul, MN 55103

Mississippi

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested. It may not be copied except for official purposes and is exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act (Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-47 [1972]).
7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. You are requested to fill in this box.
9. Signature. To register in Mississippi you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - have lived in Mississippi and in your county (and city, if applicable) 30 days before the election in which you want to vote
 - be 18 years old by the time of the general election in which you want to vote
 - have not been convicted of murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, or bigamy, or have had your rights restored as required by law
 - not have been declared mentally incompetent by a court

Mailing address:
Secretary of State
P.O. Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205-0136

Missouri

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested. Any tapes, printouts or mailing labels provided under this section shall not include the telephone numbers and social security numbers of voters (115.157 RSMO).
7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To vote in Missouri you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Missouri
 - be at least 17 -1/2 years of age (you must be 18 to vote)
 - not be on probation or parole after conviction of a felony, until finally discharged from such probation or parole
 - not be convicted of a felony or misdemeanor connected with the right to suffrage
 - not be declared incompetent by any court of law
 - not be confined under a sentence of imprisonment

Mailing address:
Secretary of State
P.O. Box 778
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Montana

6. ID Number. Leave blank. However, your election administrator may request an ID number at a later date.
7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Montana you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be at least 18 years old on or before the election
 - be a resident of Montana and of the county in which you want to vote for at least 30 days before the next election
 - not be in a penal institution for a felony conviction
 - not currently be determined by a court to be of unsound mind
 - meet these qualifications by the next election day if you do not currently meet them

Mailing address:
Secretary of State

P.O. Box 202801
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620-2801

Nebraska

6. ID Number. Leave blank.
7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Nebraska you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - live in the State of Nebraska
 - be at least 18 years of age or will be 18 years of age on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November
 - not have been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, have had your civil rights restored
 - not have been officially found to be mentally incompetent

Mailing address:
Nebraska Secretary of State
Suite 2300, State Capitol Bldg.
Lincoln, NE 68509-4608

Nevada

6. ID Number. Your social security number, Nevada driver's license, or ID card number is required. The social security number will be used for administrative purposes. Registration records, including social security numbers are available for public inspection (NRS 293.507 [4A]).
7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Nevada you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - have attained the age of 18 years on the date of the next ensuing election
 - have continuously resided in the State of Nevada, in your county, at least 30 days and in your precinct at least 10 days before the next ensuing election
 - not currently be laboring under any felony conviction or other loss of civil rights that would make it unlawful for you to vote
 - not be determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent
 - claim no other place as your legal residence

Mailing address:
Secretary of State
Capitol Complex
Carson City, NV 89710

New Hampshire

New Hampshire town and city clerks will accept this application only as a request for their own absentee voter mail-in registration form. You need to fill in only Box 1 and Box 2 or 3.

The application should be mailed either to your town or city clerk at your zip code or to:
 State House,
 Room 204
 Concord, NH 03301

It should be mailed in plenty of time for your town or city clerk to mail you their own form and for you to return that form to them by 10 days before the election.

New Jersey

6. ID Number. Leave blank.
7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave Blank.
9. Signature. To register in New Jersey you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years of age by the time of the next election
- be a resident of this State and county at your address at least 30 days before the election
- not serving a sentence or on parole or probation as a result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States

Mailing address:
Office of the Secretary of State
Election Division
CN 304
Trenton, NJ 08625-9983

New Mexico

6. ID Number. Your social security number is required. This registration card containing your social security number will become part of the permanent voter registration records of your locality, which are open to inspection by the public in the office of the county clerk.
- Computerized listings of limited voter registration information (without social security number or birth date) are available to the general public, and are furnished upon request to incumbent election officeholders, candidates, political parties, courts and non-profit organizations promoting voter participation and registration, for political purposes only (81-5-19B, NMSA 1978).
7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in New Mexico you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of the State of New Mexico
 - be 18 years of age at the time of the next election
 - not have been denied the right to vote by a court of law by reason of mental incapacity or felony conviction

Mailing address:
Bureau of Elections
State Capitol, Room 419
Santa Fe, NM 87503

New York

6. ID Number. Leave Blank.
7. Choice of Party. You must enroll with a party if you want to vote in that party's primary election or caucus.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in New York you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of the county, or of the City of New York, at least 30 days before an election
 - be 18 years old by December 31 of the year in which you file this form (Note: You must be 18 years old by the date of the general, primary or other election in which you want to vote)
 - not be in jail or on parole for felony conviction
 - not currently be judged incompetent by order of a court of competent judicial authority
 - not claim the right to vote elsewhere

Mailing address:
NYS Board of Elections
Swan Street Bldg., Core 1
6 ESP Suite 201
Albany, NY 12223-1650

North Carolina

6. ID Number. Your driver's license or Department of Motor Vehicles ID is requested.
7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. You are required to fill in this box. However, your application will not be

rejected if you fail to do so.

9. Signature. To register in North Carolina you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of North Carolina and the county in which you live for at least 30 days prior to election
 - be 18 years of age by the day of the next general election
 - have your rights of citizenship restored if you have been convicted of a felony
 - not be registered or vote in any other county or state

Mailing address:
State Board of Elections
PO Box 2169
Raleigh, NC 27602

North Dakota

North Dakota does not have voter registration.

Ohio

6. ID Number. Your social security number is requested. Providing this number is voluntary. This allows the Board of elections to verify your registration number if necessary (O.R.C. 3503.14).
7. Choice of Party. You do not register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus or convention. Party affiliation is established by voting at a primary election.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Ohio you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days before the election
 - be 18 years old on or before election day. If you will be 18 on or before the day of general election, you may vote in the primary election
 - not be convicted of a felony and currently incarcerated
 - not be found incompetent by a court for purposes of voting

Mailing address:
Secretary of State of Ohio
30 E. Broad Street - 14th Floor
Columbus, OH 43266-0418

Oklahoma

6. ID Number. Your Oklahoma driver's license number is requested.
7. Choice of party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Oklahoma you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Oklahoma
 - be 18 years old on or before the date of the next election
 - have not been convicted of a felony, for which a period of time equal to the original sentence has not expired, or for which you have not been pardoned
 - not now be under judgement as an incapacitated person, or a partially incapacitated person prohibited from registering to vote

Mailing address:
Oklahoma State Election Board
Box 528800-8800
Oklahoma City, OK 73152

Oregon

6. ID Number. Leave blank.
7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Oregon you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Oregon
 - be at least 18 years old by the election day

Mailing address:
Secretary of State
Elections Division
255 Capitol Street, NE
Salem, OR 97310-0722

Pennsylvania

6. ID Number. Leave blank.
7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. You are requested to fill in this box.
9. Signature. To register in Pennsylvania you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Pennsylvania and your election district at least 30 days before the next election in which you wish to vote
 - be at least 18 years old on the day of the next ensuing primary or election

Mailing address:
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
Room 302
North Office Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0029

Rhode Island

6. ID Number. Leave blank.
7. Choice of party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Rhode Island you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Rhode Island for 30 days preceding the next election
 - be 18 years old by election day
 - be neither serving a sentence, including probation or parole, for which you are imprisoned, upon final conviction of a felony imposed on any date; nor serving any sentence, whether incarcerated or suspended, on probation or parole, upon final conviction of a felony committed after November 5, 1986
 - not have been lawfully judged to be mentally incompetent

Mailing address:
Rhode Island State Board of Elections
50 Branch Ave.
Providence, RI 02904-2790

South Carolina

6. ID Number. Your social security number is required. It is required by South Carolina Code of Laws and is used for internal purposes only. Social security number does not appear on any report produced by the State Election Commission nor is it released to any unauthorized individual.
7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. You are required to fill in this box. However, your application will not be rejected if you fail to do so.
9. Signature. To register in South Carolina you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
 - be a resident of South Carolina, your county or precinct
 - not be confined in any public prison resulting from a conviction of a crime
 - never have been convicted of a felony or offense against election laws, or of previously convicted, have served your entire sentence, including probation or parole, or have received a pardon for the conviction
 - not be under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent

- claim the address on the application as your only legal place of residence and claim no other place as your legal residence

Mailing address:
State Election Commission
PO Box 5987
Columbia, SC 29250-5987

South Dakota

6. ID Number. Your driver's license number is required. If you have no such number, your social security number is requested. Your social security number will be used for administrative purposes but will be available to the public (ARSD 5:02:03:01).
7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in South Dakota you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - reside in South Dakota
 - be 18 years old by the next election
 - not be under a sentence of imprisonment for a felony conviction
 - not have been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court

Mailing address:
Elections, Secretary of State
500 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Tennessee

6. ID Number. Your social security number is required. Social security number, if any, is required for purposes of identification and to avoid duplicate registration (TCA 2.2.116).
7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. You are requested to fill in this box.
9. Signature. To register in Tennessee you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Tennessee
 - be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
 - not have been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, have had your full rights of citizenship restored (or have received a pardon)
 - not be adjudicated incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction (or have been restored to legal capacity)

Mailing address:
Coordinator of Elections
Secretary of State's Office
500 James K. Polk Bldg.
Nashville, TN 37243-0309

Texas

6. ID Number. Your social security number and Texas driver's license number or personal ID number (issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety) is requested. The disclosure of all these numbers is voluntary. It is solicited by authority of Sec. 13.122 of the Texas Election Code and will be used to maintain the accuracy of the registration records. The application is open to the public.
7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Texas you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of the county in which the application for registration is made
 - be at least 17 years and 10 months old (you must 18 to vote)
 - not be convicted of a felony or have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities

- have not been declared mentally incompetent by final judgment of a court of law

Mailing address:
Office of the Secretary of State
Elections Division
PO Box 12060
Austin, TX 78711-2060

Utah

6. ID Number. Your date of birth serves as your ID number and is required. Write it in this box or in box 4.
7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Utah you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - have resided in Utah for 30 days immediately before the next election
 - be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
 - not be convicted of treason or crime against the elective franchise, unless restored to civil rights
 - not be found mentally incompetent by a court of law

Mailing address:
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
203 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Vermont

6. ID Number. Leave blank.
7. Choice of Party. Vermont does not require party registration to participate in any election.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Vermont you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Vermont
 - be 18 years of age on or before election day
 - solemnly swear (or affirm) that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the state of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without fear or favor of any person [Freeman's oath, Vermont Constitution, Chapter II, Section 42]

Mailing address:
Office of the Secretary of State
Director of Elections
109 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05609-1101

Virginia

6. ID Number. Your social security number is required. Your social security number will appear on reports produced only for official use by voter registration and election officials and, for jury selection purposes, by courts. Article II, 2, Constitution of Virginia (1971).
7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Virginia you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Virginia and of the precinct in which you want to vote
 - be at least 18 years old by the next election
 - not have been convicted a felony, or have had your civil rights restored
 - not currently be declared mentally incompetent by a court of law
 Note: Virginia, by law, cannot accept this form until after Jan. 1, 1996.

Mailing address:
State Board of Elections
200 N. 9th Street, Suite 101
Richmond, VA 23219-3497

Washington

6. ID Number. Leave blank.
7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in the state of Washington you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a legal resident of Washington State, your county and precinct for 30 days immediately preceding the election in which you want to vote
 - be at least 18 years old by election day
 - not be judicially declared mentally incompetent
 - not be convicted of an infamous crime, unless restored to civil rights

Mailing address:
Secretary of State
Voter Registration by Mail
P.O. Box 40230
Olympia, WA 98504-0230

West Virginia

6. ID Number. The last four digits of your social security number are requested.
7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention (unless you request the ballot of a party which allows independents to vote).
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in West Virginia you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - live in West Virginia at the above address
 - be 18 years old, or be 17 years old and turning 18 years old before the next general election
 - not be under conviction, probation, or parole for a felony, treason or election bribery
 - not have been judged "mentally incompetent" in a court of competent jurisdiction

Mailing address:
Secretary of State
Building 1, Suite 157
1900 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25305-0770

Wisconsin

6. ID Number. Leave blank. However, if you submit this application on election day, you will be asked to provide a form of identification.
7. Choice of Party. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.
8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.
9. Signature. To register in Wisconsin you must:
 - be a citizen of the United States
 - be a resident of Wisconsin for at least 10 days
 - be 18 years old
 - not have been convicted of treason, felony or bribery, or have had your civil rights restored
 - not have been found by a court to be incapable of understanding the objective of the electoral process
 - not make or benefit from a bet or wage depending on the result of an election

Mailing address:
State Elections Board
132 E. Wilson Street, 3rd Floor
P.O. Box 2973
Madison, WI 53701-2973

Wyoming

Wyoming will not let you use this application for registering to vote in that state.



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BECAUSE IT'S A CRITICAL TIME FOR LESBIAN AND GAY AMERICA.

BECAUSE THIS ELECTION IS SO IMPORTANT.

BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITY MUST BE HEARD.

YOU'VE GOT THE POWER.

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I. How to Run A Voter Registration Campaign



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A. You've Got the Power

The balance of power is in your hands. You have the power to vote — and to get your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to vote. Your active participation in registering people to vote this year will make all the difference in encouraging greater participation in the elections.

Our work is cut out for us!

This Power Kit has all the information you need to register people to vote. Your participation in this critical election year can make the last few years of the 20th century a time of hope and progress for lesbian and gay Americans.

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies members of Congress and educates the public to ensure that lesbian and gay Americans can be open, honest, and safe at home, at work, and in the community.

B. Voter Registration Checklist

1. Getting Organized

- Assign a volunteer or a staff member who is responsible for coordinating your voter registration activities, obtaining voter registration supplies, and sending completed voter registration forms to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).
- Train staff and volunteers who will be registering voters on how to complete the national voter registration form and the legal guidelines governing nonpartisan voter registration.
- Get and maintain a supply of national voter registration forms. To obtain them, contact the Human Rights Campaign at 202-628-4160.
- Get and maintain copies of the single-page of instructions for completing the national form for your state and other states that are close enough that you might be registering voters from those states. To obtain a copy of the single-page instructions for any state, contact the Human Rights Campaign at 202-628-4160.

2. Getting Started

- Assemble a voter registration pack for use when registering voters at community events and public places.
- Include in the pack:
 - national voter registration forms
 - copies of your state's instructions for completing the form
 - a copy of the box-by-box guide to filling out the form that is in this kit
 - a copy of the combined instructions for all states

- pens and clip boards
- a sign saying "register to vote here" or use the HRC "Vote" poster in this kit
- a sign identifying yourself and the required FEC disclaimer stating that:
"Registration services will be made available without regard to a voter's political preference or on the basis of support or opposition to a particular candidate."
- Begin close to home. Ask your friends and family members, co-workers, neighbors, schoolmates, roommates and other acquaintances whether they are registered to vote. If not, sign them up! The people closest to you are the easiest to reach and to educate. Help them to fill out a voter registration form and mail it in — then make sure they get out to vote come Election Day. The following page will have other ideas on places to register voters.
- Once a week send the completed voter registration forms to:

The Human Rights Campaign
Attn: Voter Registration
1101 14th Street NW Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 628-4160

Note: All voter registration drives must notify in writing those receiving information and assistance that services will be made available without regard to the voter's political preference or support for or opposition to a particular candidate.

Questions? Call the Human Rights Campaign Helpline at 202-628-4160

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II. Where to Register Fair-Minded People to Vote



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The key to success in voter registration is to find fair-minded people. This list provides a few ideas to get you started. Research shows that women, younger people, people with higher education and people of color are the most likely to support equal rights for gay and lesbian Americans. This isn't true across the board, of course, but might give you some ideas of where to begin looking in your community for places to register large numbers of fair-minded people.

Begin close to home. Ask your friends and family members, co-workers, neighbors, schoolmates, roommates and other acquaintances whether they are registered to vote. If not, sign them up! The people closest to you are the easiest to reach and to educate. Help them fill out a voter registration form and mail it in — then make sure they get out to vote come Election Day.

Pride events. Summertime brings lots of opportunities to reach out to gay and lesbian people at festivals, parades and other events held during the Pride season. You can set up a table at an event by arranging with the organizers beforehand — or show up with a batch of voter registration cards and a clipboard and approach people one at a time. It's a great way to meet people and get some sun!

National Coming Out Day events. Chances are your campus, workplace or community will hold special events to mark National Coming Out Day on or around October 11. Coming just weeks before the election, this gives you an opportunity to sign up those last-minute holdouts. People tend to be more tuned-in to politics around this time of the year, so your job might be easier, too. **Be sure to know your state's deadline for postmarked voter registration applications — which may be as much as 30 days before the November 5, 1996 general election. For some states, National Coming Out Day will be too late to register voters.**

Gay and Lesbian Organizations. Your area probably has a variety of gay and lesbian organizations, such as social groups, religious organizations and youth alliances. Your area gay newspaper will usually carry a list of these organizations, and their meeting times. You can call and ask the organizers if their members would appreciate the opportunity to register voters at their next meeting.

Gay and Lesbian Community Centers. You might be lucky enough to live in a town with a community center or youth center that provides services and a safe space for gay and lesbian people. Ask them if you can drop off some voter registration forms or set up a table when lots of people will be there. Remember to collect the completed voter registration forms to ensure that they get back to HRC.

AIDS Clinics and Service Providers. It's critical that elected officials support a strong national effort against HIV and AIDS — and that people who care about AIDS make their voices heard at the ballot box. Ask your local AIDS clinic or other service provider if you can set up a display of voter registration materials or provide the clinic a supply of voter registration forms to give to visitors. Ask them to consider it a service to their clients. Again, be sure to collect completed forms yourself.

Bars, bookstores and other meeting places. Most bars and book stores that cater to gay and lesbian patrons will cooperate if you want to set up a table on the sidewalk or just inside the door. Talk to the management about the

importance of registering people to vote and get their permission to offer voter registration services to their customers. You can probably go to the same establishment several times or on a regular basis, if you are nice and don't disrupt the flow of customer traffic.

Concerts, music festivals and other outdoor events.

Spring and summer are great times for outdoor concerts, music festivals and other outdoor events. Some are political in nature, such as Earth Day, but many are cultural. Whether it's Melissa Etheridge or the Boston Pops, you're bound to find fair-minded people to register to vote. Bring along a clipboard and lots of forms and mingle with the milling crowds.

Gay and Lesbian Film Festivals. Many cities have annual film festivals that attract long lines of people. Give them something constructive to do while they wait to buy tickets, register them to vote. Pass along the line with a clipboard and pen, and you're sure to come away with a batch of newly registered voters. You'll probably want to ask permission from the organizers beforehand.

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III. What You Need to Know Using the National Voter Registration (Motor Voter) Form



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A. The Motor Voter Law

When Congress passed the National Voter Registration Act — commonly called the “Motor Voter Law” — it swept away complicated state voter registration laws that kept millions of Americans off the voter rolls.* The Motor Voter Law’s procedures for voter registration by mail mean that you can make voter registration easy for your members, volunteers and community.

Under the Motor Voter Law, most states must accept a national voter registration application form, developed by the Federal Election Commission, that is mailed in to the state after the voter completes it. States can also develop their own mail-in voter registration forms, but if they do, they must accept the national form as well.

You can use the national form to register almost any United States citizen, no matter where they live in your state, or even if they live in another state. The same form works for everyone. You do not have to ask for any kind of identification and the forms do not have to be notarized. All you have to do is make the forms available to people and help them complete the application.

B. Filling Out the Voter Registration Forms

Completing the national voter registration form is easy. The same form can be used by already registered voters to change the name or address under which they are registered, if they have changed their name or moved since they last registered,

A full copy of the National Voter Registration Application is in this Power Kit. In addition to the form itself, it includes a formidable-looking 13 pages of instructions. **DON’T BE INTIMIDATED BY IT.** The first two pages of instructions apply no matter what state the voter is registering in. The remaining pages are state-by-state instructions for the few items on the form that vary from state to state; the instructions are so long because every state is covered. We have available an easy-to-use single page of instructions for each state. The single page of instructions for your state is in this kit. You can have copies of the single-page instructions available for the people you are registering and for the staff and/or volunteers who are assisting them. This kit also includes a box-by-box guide to helping voters fill out the form.

The copies of the national form that you use to register voters do not need to have all 13 pages instructions attached. All you need is the form itself, so long as the instructions are available for the people you are registering and the staff and/or volunteers who are assisting them. You can get copies of the form without the attached instructions from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) by calling the Human Rights Campaign Helpline at 202-628-4160.

C. What To Do With The Completed Forms

The Human Rights Campaign needs to know how many voters participating organizations have registered and who we’ve registered, so we need you to work as a team with HRC. Once a week, send the completed forms to HRC, where staff will make a record of them and send them to the appropriate state elections officials.

* Please note that North Dakota, Wyoming, New Hampshire and Vermont do not accept the National Voter Registration Form, and Illinois and Mississippi only accept the form for elections for federal office, not for elections for state or local office.

D. Keeping Voter Registration Non-Partisan

The following guidelines must be followed to avoid violating federal rules governing non-partisan voter registration:

- 1 - do not provide any information expressly advocating the election or defeat of a particular candidate, even if asked
- 2 - you must have no coordination with any candidate or political party
- 3 - registration may not be directed toward people previously registered or intending to register with an individual or party favored by the organization
- 4 - services must be made available without regard to the voter's political preference; you must avoid asking about a person's politics or candidate preferences (provide notice as described in section 1)
- 5 - individuals conducting the registration should not be paid on the numbers of people registered who support one or more candidates or a political party.
- 6 - a 501(c)(3) organization can educate people about issues it cares about, but it can't imply that the organization expects the voter to vote in a certain way

AS YOU REGISTER VOTERS, HRC WILL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU STAY ON THE NON-PARTISAN SIDE OF THE ELECTORAL LINE, OR CONSULT A LAWYER FOR MORE GUIDANCE.

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IV. More on How to Register Voters: A Box-By-Box Guide to the National Voter Registration Application Form



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The National Voter Registration Application Form: Helping Voters Complete It Is Simple!

Here's a box-by-box guide on how voters should fill out the national registration form, and what you need to know to help them. You can use it to train staff and volunteers on how to register clients and community members. Keep copies handy at your office and when you are out in the community registering voters.

Begin by reminding the people you are registering to:

- print as neatly and legibly as they can
- avoid the use of abbreviations or initials

Box 1 Name: Voters put their full legal name here in this order: last name, first name, middle name. Avoid nicknames or initials. If "Jr.," "Sr." or a Roman numeral (e.g. "III") is a part of the voter's name, it should be circled at the end of the line.

Box 2 Home Address: Voters put their legal home residence here. This should not be a post office box or a rural route without a box number. A voter who lives in a rural area and does not have a street, or who has no legal residence address, should show where he or she lives by filling in the map in Box C on the bottom half of the application form. Voters who have no legal address in this box must put an address where they can be reached by mail in box 3.

Note: HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO ARE U.S. CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. The place they "live" that they show in Box C could be, for example, a shelter, train or bus station, park, doorway, etc. Their mailing address in Box C could be, for instance, a relative or friend who will accept mail for them.

Box 3 Voters whose mailing address is different from their legal address put their mailing address in this box. Voters whose legal address and mailing address are the same leave this box blank. Voters without a legal address in Box 2 must put an address where they can be reached by mail in this box.

Box 4 Date of Birth: Voters put their birth date here in this order: month, day, year. A common mistake is to put the date on which the application is completed in this box. Check to make sure this box has the voter's birth date.

Box 5 Telephone Number: This is optional: it enables the state to contact voters if there is a question about their application.

Box 6 ID Number: Some states request or require an identification number such as the voter's social security number, driver's license number or state personal ID number. The state instructions tell you when a number is requested or required. If not, voters should leave this box blank.

Box 7 Choice of Party: Many states require that voters register with a party if they want to take part in its primary elections, caucuses or conventions. The state instructions identify which states require registration with a party for voters to

participate in their candidate selection processes. Voters who do not want to register with a party, write "no party" or leave the box blank.

You may want to encourage people to register with a party they lean towards, especially in states that require registration with a party to participate in its primary. In many elections, the race is effectively decided in the primary, and voters should be encouraged to participate.

Box 8 Race or Ethnic Group: For most states, voters leave this box blank. Some states need this information to administer the federal Voting Rights Act; the state instructions tell you whether the state needs this information. If the state does, voters should choose from the following list:

American Indian or Alaskan Native
Asian or Pacific Islander not Native Hawaiian
Black, not of Hispanic Origin
Hispanic
Multi-racial
Native Hawaiian
White, not of Hispanic Origin
Other

Box 9 Signature: Voters sign their name here (or, if they can't write, they make their mark) and write in the date on which they are filling out the form in this order: month, day, year. Check to see that voters do not put their birth date here. In signing the application, voters are stating that they meet their state's qualifications for registering to vote. The qualifications are listed in the state instructions. They are usually straightforward, for instance, that the individual is at least 18 years old, that she has lived in the state for a certain amount of time, or that he hasn't been convicted of a felony.

When you give the person you are registering the application form, you should show her or him the list of qualifications in the state instructions.

Box 10 Name of Assistant: For voters who were not able to sign their name in Box 9, the name, address and telephone number of the person who filled out the application for the voter goes here.

Box A Name Change: Voters fill in this box only if they have changed their name since they last registered in the state. If so, they write their old name here in this order: last name, first name, middle name.

Box B Address Change: Voters fill in this box only if they have moved since they last registered in the state. If so, they write their old address here.

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V. Deadlines for Voter Registration Application Forms



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Unless otherwise noted, the deadline refers to the date by which the application must be postmarked.

Alabama:	10 days before the election.
Alaska:	30 days before the election.
Arizona:	29 days before the election.
Arkansas:	30 days before the election.
California:	29 days before the election.
Colorado:	29 days before the election. If the application is received in the mails without a postmark, it must be received within 5 days of the close of registration.
Connecticut:	14 days before the election.
Delaware:	20 days prior to the general election and 21 days prior to any primary election.
District of Columbia:	30 days before the election.
Florida:	29 days before the election.
Georgia:	The fifth Monday before any general primary, general election, or presidential preference primary. The fifth day after the date of the call for all other special primaries and special elections.
Hawaii:	30 days before the election.
Idaho:	25 days before the election.
Illinois:	29 days before the election. The national voter registration form only applies to federal elections.
Indiana:	29 days before the election.
Iowa:	Must be delivered by 5 p.m. 10 days before the election, if it is a state primary or general election; 11 days before all others. Registration forms which are postmarked 15 or more days before an election are considered on time even if received after the deadline.
Kansas:	Delivered to the local voter registration office 15 days before the election.
Kentucky:	28 days before the election.
Louisiana:	24 days before the election.
Maine:	15 days before the election, or delivered in person to the local voter registration office up until the day of the election.
Maryland:	The fifth Monday before the election.
Massachusetts:	20 days before the election.
Michigan:	30 days before the election.
Minnesota:	Delivered by 5:00pm 21 days before the election. Minnesota also has election day registration at polling places.
Mississippi:	30 days before the election.

Missouri:	28 days before the election.
Montana:	30 days before the election.
Nebraska:	The forth Tuesday before the election (or delivered to the local voter registration office by 6:00 p.m. on the second Friday before the election).
Nevada:	9:00 p.m. on the fifth Saturday before any primary or general election, 9:00 p.m. on the third Saturday before any recall or special election. However, if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary or general election, the registration closes at 9:00 p.m. on the fifth Saturday before the day for the elections.
New Hampshire:	In New Hampshire, this application may be used only as a request for a State voter registration application, which must be received by your city or town clerk by 10 days before the election.
New Jersey:	29 days before the election.
New Mexico:	28 days before the election.
New York:	25 days before the election.
North Carolina:	25 days before the election.
North Dakota:	ND does not have voter registration.
Ohio:	30 days before the election.
Oklahoma:	25 days before the election.
Oregon:	21 days before the election- no deadlines for change of address or name or party registration.
Pennsylvania:	30 days before the election.
Rhode Island:	30 days before the election.
South Carolina:	30 days before the election.
South Dakota:	Delivered to the local voter registration office 15 days before the election.
Tennessee:	30 days before the election.
Texas:	30 days before the election.
Utah:	20 days before the election.
Vermont:	In Vermont, this application may be used only as a request for a State voter registration application, which must be delivered to the town clerk before 12:00 noon on the second Saturday before the election.
Virginia:	Delivered to the local voter registration office by 29 days before the election.
Washington:	30 days before the election, or delivered in person to the local voter registration office 15 days before the election.
West Virginia:	30 days before the election.
Wisconsin:	13 days before the election - Wisconsin also allows voter registration at the polling place on election day.
Wyoming:	Does not accept the national voter registration form.

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